



## **Know Your Voting Rights**

The Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”)<sup>1</sup> is a federal law enacted in 2002 to protect the voting rights of people with disabilities. HAVA requires:

- at least one voting machine at each polling place that is accessible for people who have visual or mobility disabilities;
- full barrier-free access to polling places to enable people with disabilities to cast their votes privately as nondisabled voters do; and
- ballots in multiple languages.

If you are a person with a disability, you have the right to:

- vote at an actual polling site (Election officials must not force people with disabilities to vote curbside or via absentee ballots);
- register to vote on Election Day (and during Early Voting), or, by October 16, 2018 online at [www.vote4dc.com](http://www.vote4dc.com) or the Vote4DC mobile app or by mail for the November 6, 2018 General Election;
- request an absentee ballot online or by mail at least 7 days before Election Day;
- vote by “provisional ballot” in the event of registration on Election Day or if your name is not on the registration rolls, or you are deemed ineligible. Provisional ballots are counted when the election officials determine voter eligibility; and
- accessible communications from the D.C. Board of Elections for people with visual disabilities.

Election officials must not exclude voters based on their:

- Homelessness;
- Residency in a nursing home, hospital or jail (unless currently incarcerated for a felony conviction);
- Physical disability;
- Mental disability (unless a court held that you are legally incompetent to vote); or
- Lack of identification.

**Need Assistance?** For information on voting, call the DC Board of Elections (202) 727-2525. For assistance with voting access issues, call Disability Rights DC at (202) 547-0198.

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<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545.