



## **NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK**

### **GET READY TO VOTE**

Voting is a privilege and duty, but sometimes it is not clear what processes voters need to follow or what help is available. The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area prepared this paper for those who are disabled in order to equip them to vote.

**GENERAL ELECTION** - November 6, 6:30 am- 7:30 pm.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** - October 16

**EARLY VOTING** - October 24- November 3, 8:30-4:30; 9-5 on the two Saturdays.

#### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

You must be 18 by November 6 to vote in the 2018 general election. You may apply to register to vote online on the WV Secretary of State's website (computers are available in the libraries); in person at the office of Voter Registration in the courthouse, Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), and Division of Motor Vehicles; or by a special mail in voter registration post card, available on the Secretary of State's website or Voter Registration Office. Take ID with you when you register. If you are a student, you may choose whether to register in your home county or where you are going to school.

If you have already registered to vote but wish to find out your registration status, you may access that information on the WV Secretary of State's website -- Elections-Voter Registration-Check Your Voter Registration. The site also provides information on your polling place and WV delegate district.

#### **AT THE POLLS** (Election Day or Early Voting)

**Do not be afraid to ask for help.** The duty of the poll workers is to assist all voters. The polling places are accessible and handicapped parking is available.

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

You will need to bring ID to show to the poll workers before you vote. West Virginia allows all kinds of ID -- drivers license, utility bill, student, SNAP and TANF. Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Voter Registration, etc. If your ID is not listed here, check with the Secretary of State's Office for a longer list.

#### **ASSISTED VOTING** -

Some voters require assistance to vote because of advanced age, blindness, disability, or inability to read or write. If you need assistance, you may bring your own person to assist you

as long as the assister is NOT your employer, agent of your employer, agent of your Labor Union, or candidate for election. If you do not bring your own person to assist you, a Democrat poll worker and a Republican poll worker will together assist you.

After you sign the poll book, you may ask the poll workers to vote privately on an ADA-compliant machine with the following accessibility features: An easy touch-screen interface that requires little dexterity; braille-embossed navigation buttons; and audio reading of your ballot. If necessary poll workers will assist you in operating the machine.

If you are deemed a disabled voter, you will be allowed 15 minutes to vote.

## **EARLY VOTING**

The same provisions apply as at the polls on election day. Locations - Cabell County Courthouse, Ona Sheriff's Field Office; Marshall University Memorial Student Center.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

If you cannot make it to the polls during the Early Voting period or on Election Day, you may be eligible to vote an absentee ballot by mail. Check the Secretary of State's website for eligibility to vote absentee and to obtain the application.

Emergency absentee voting is also available. Contact the voter registration office for information.

If you are homebound, you may fill out a special application to be put on a Permanent Absentee Voting list. The application is available on the WV Secretary of State's website. Also you will need to provide a doctor's signature to vote from home. The County Clerk will mail you a ballot on the 46<sup>th</sup> day before the election.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES**

Organizations, including the League of Women Voters, host candidates meetings. Some are informal and some allow audience members to submit questions to the candidates. Some candidates such as those for the US Senate or House of Representatives are questioned on special TV or radio programs.

The WV Secretary of State's website lists the names of candidates for federal and statewide offices, legislative districts, and the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District.

Many candidates host websites about themselves and their candidacies. The political parties and organizations also provide information.

The Huntington Herald-Dispatch prepares a special Elections issue before the election.

## **CONTACTS**

Cabell County Clerk - Phyllis Smith, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30; (304) 526-8625; psmith@cabellcountyclerk.org.

Voter Registration Office - Kelli Allen. (304) 526-8633.

The Voter Registration Office and the County Clerk's Office are on the First Floor of the Courthouse. County Clerk's address - 750 5th Avenue, Suite 108, Huntington, WV 25701.

The handicapped entrance to the courthouse is on 7<sup>th</sup> St. An elevator is available to access all floors.

WV Secretary of State - Mac Warner, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Phone: (304) 558-6000; Toll-Free (866) 767-8683; <https://sos.wv.gov/>

## **RESOURCES**

WV Secretary of State's website

Cabell County's training materials for poll workers

### **Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy**

The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area prepared this information. The League is a nonpartisan volunteer organization working to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. It does support or oppose legislation after serious study and substantial agreement among its members. Membership is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. Dues are \$45 per individual and \$60 for two members in a household. Full time students' memberships are free. Dues may be sent to 8 Partridge Dr., Huntington, WV 25705. Contact information - 304-522-0983; 304-736-3287.