



# VOTING

## A GUIDE FOR SIBLING ADVOCATES IN ILLINOIS

### S.I.B.S. BELIEVES IN SUPPORTING OUR SIBLINGS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS TO VOTE

#### REGISTERING TO VOTE IN IL

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- People with intellectual disabilities can vote
- People with guardians can vote
- Two forms of ID are required to register
- Siblings can help their sib to register online or in-person (County Clerk's Office, Board of Elections Office, City and Village Halls, Township Offices, Driver's License Facilities)
- Same-day in-person registration is possible on Election Day at your polling place

#### CONSIDERING POLITICAL ISSUES

- Siblings can take time to educate themselves on the current issues and share information in an accessible way to their sib
  - Video examples
  - Photos
  - Conversation
- Sharing balanced information can help sibs form their own opinions

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#### VOTING BY MAIL OR GETTING TO THE POLLS

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- Accessible vote by mail for the blind and low vision votes is available in Illinois
- Make sure your sib signed or marked signature on election envelope
- Vote in the correct precinct
- Siblings can drive their sibs to the polls
- Siblings can request alternative transit
  - Paratransit via Pace
  - Wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) via Uber

#### HELPING AT THE POLLS

- Siblings can help in the polls if they are not their sib's employer or an officer of a union in which their sib is a member
- Siblings may not influence their sib's vote
- If the sibling cannot help, an election judge can assist in the voting booth
- Siblings should report accessibility violations to IL's protection and advocacy organization
  - Equip for Equality, Phone: (312) 341-0022

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### RESOURCES

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- <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>
- <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>
- <https://siblingleadership.org/policy-advocacy/voting-center/>
- Guide to voting, easy read: <https://autisticadvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ER-Your-Vote-Counts-main-content.pdf>

#### CONSIDERING POLITICAL ISSUES

- Issues impacting the disability community (Page 20): <https://www.aapd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/REV-UP-Guide.pdf>
- Legislator voting records: <https://www.govtrack.us/start>
- Candidate search: <https://ndss.org/ndss-advocacy-alerts?fbclid=IwAR0I8lOhvk5XYP7hWvsGitBKg4lFhtA-OHGnw7L-Y5phkahrOGvEYU4bY>
- Videos: <https://disabilityvoteil.org/videos-and-webinars/#AVBMLink>

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- <https://www.uber.com/us/en/ride/uberway/>
- [https://www.pacebus.com/contact-directory?category\[56\]=56](https://www.pacebus.com/contact-directory?category[56]=56)
- <https://disabilityvoteil.org/>

#### HELPING AT THE POLLS

- <https://www.equipforequality.org/learn/rights-information-by-topic-area/resources-voting-rights/>
- <https://www.equipforequality.org/issues/voting/>