

Voting Rights for Iowans

If I am at least 18 years old and I am registered to vote in Iowa, I have the right to vote in elections.

I have the right to vote by myself or with help. I can choose who I want to assist me unless it is my employer, employer's agent, or an officer of my union.

Even if I have a conservator or guardian, I may vote unless a judge specifically said I cannot.

I have the right to vote the way I want.

I have the right to get help if someone tries to stop me from voting.

I have the right to be shown how to make my choices on my ballot.

If I am in line when the poll closes, I must be allowed to vote.

If they cannot find my name on the registration list, I must be given a provisional ballot.

If I am at the wrong precinct, I must be given my correct precinct location.

I have the right to check over my votes on the ballot.

If I think that my rights have been denied or something is wrong at the polls, I can contact Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc. at:

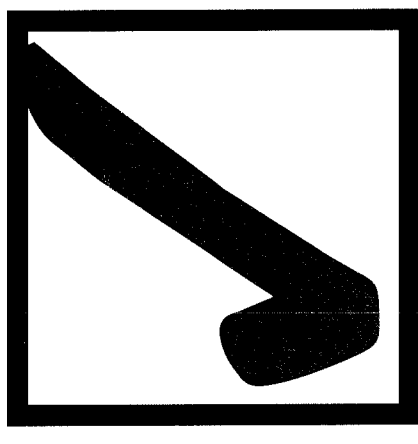


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PAVA is funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as a provision of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

VOTING IS FOR ALL PEOPLE!

Know your rights as a voter living with a disability.



PAVA Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access

VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT
BECAUSE IT DOES!

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Help America Vote Act HAVA is the Help America Vote Act, and it was federally established due to the disputed 2000 Presidential Election. This landmark federal legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law on October 29, 2002. Presently, HAVA election and balloting laws only pertain to federal elections - not state, local, or school elections.

HAVA federal laws must be in place by January 1, 2006!

What does HAVA provide?

- an opportunity to check and correct errors on ballots.
- access for all persons to a voting machine per precinct that is suitable for persons living with disabilities.
- mandatory training about HAVA guidelines to all election officials, poll workers, and the public.
- an opportunity to cast a provisional ballot or be notified of the correct voting precinct if no record of voter registration is found.
- funds to make polling places more uniform in accessibility.
- funds for each State Protection & Advocacy Services to create a Voter Access program, and in turn, to increase accessibility and participation of voters who are disabled.

Protection & Advocacy for Voter Access PAVA stands for Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access. It is funded by the Help America Vote Act to increase voter access for persons with disabilities. Each state can use this money for training, education, and assistance for persons with disabilities to advance their participation in the electoral process.

What does PAVA provide for voters living with disabilities?

- the chance for more persons with disabilities to vote.
- education, assistance, and opportunities with voter registration.
- education about the legal rights and responsibilities of voting.
- assistance with accessing the polls on Election Day.
- access to voter complaint forms to record any voting irregularities or other problems.

What other voting provisions is PAVA involved in?

- participation on the HAVA Planning Committee by the State Protection & Advocacy Services.
- active roles on the implementation of HAVA through continuing review, report, advocacy, and education.
- survey of polling sites to ensure accessibility for all voters.
- identification of any possible modifications to polling places.