NEVADA'S PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR VOTING ACCESS (PAVA)

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ABOUT NDALC

The Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) is a private, statewide non-profit organization that serves as Nevada’s federally-mandated protection and advocacy system for human, legal, and service rights for individuals with disabilities.

Services provided by NDALC include, but are not limited to: information and referral services, education, training, negotiation, mediation, investigation of reported or suspected abuse/neglect, legal counsel, technical assistance, litigation services, and public policy work.

This publication is intended to help individuals with disabilities understand their rights in regards to registering to vote and in participating in the voting process. Individuals who have been denied their rights in the electoral process can contact one of our offices listed on the back of this booklet.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002 (HAVA)

On October 29, 2002, the President of the United States signed into law the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), to improve the administration of elections. HAVA provides financial assistance to states and creates new minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas. Among other things, these new standards concern voting systems, voting accessibility, statewide computerized voter registration lists, provisional voting, information provided to voters, and voter registration by mail.

HAVA seeks to improve voting access to individuals with disabilities as follows:

- Establishes a Voting Protection agency and authorizes funding
- Makes accessibility grants available to states and local units of government to improve physical and non-visual access to polling places
- Creates minimum standards for accessibility of voting systems that states must follow
- Requires states to include individuals with disabilities in developing the State Plan for compliance with HAVA’s requirements
- Provides funds for research on accessible voting technology

Other important non-disability provisions of HAVA include:

- Establishes the Elections Assistance Commission, a new federal agency to serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information
- Provides funding to states to improve election administration and to replace punch card and lever style voting systems
- Create minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration
- Establishes a state administrative procedure for voting complaints
KNOW YOUR REGISTRAR

Every Nevada county and city has a person responsible for making sure the county or city complies with state and federal law. The County Clerk or Registrar is the person to whom you should address your questions and concerns.

### COUNTY CONTACTS

**CARSON CITY:**  
885 East Musser Street Suite 1025  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4475  
(775)-887-2087 FAX-887-2146  
[www.carson.org](http://www.carson.org)

**CHURCHILL COUNTY:**  
155 N Taylor St, Suite 110  
 Fallon, Nevada 89406-2748  
 (775)-423-6028 FAX-423-7069  
 [www.churchillcounty.org](http://www.churchillcounty.org)

**CLARK COUNTY Elections Department:**  
965 Trade Drive Suite A  
North Las Vegas, NV 89030-7802  
(702)-455-VOTE (8683)  
 FAX-455-2793  
 [www.clarkcountyvote.gov](http://www.clarkcountyvote.gov)

**CLARK COUNTY Elections Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 3909  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89127-3909

**DOUGLAS COUNTY:**  
1616 8th Street, 2nd Floor  
P.O. Box 218  
Minden, Nevada 89423-0218  
(775)-782-9023 FAX-782-9016  
 [cltr.co.douglas.nv.us](http://cltr.co.douglas.nv.us)

**ELKO COUNTY:**  
550 Court St. 3rd Floor  
Elko, Nevada 89801-3518  
(775)-753-4600 FAX-753-4610  
 [www.elkocounty.vg](http://www.elkocounty.vg)

**ESMERALDA COUNTY:**  
233 Crook Avenue  
P.O. Box 547  
Goldfield, Nevada 89013-0547  
(775)-485-6367 FAX-485-6376  
 [www.accessesmeralda.com](http://www.accessesmeralda.com)

**EUREKA COUNTY:**  
County Courthouse, Main Street  
10 S. Main Street  
Eureka, Nevada 89316-0677  
(775)-237-5262 FAX-237-6015  
 [co.eureka.nv.us](http://co.eureka.nv.us)

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY:**  
50 W. 5th Street, #207  
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445  
(775)-623-6343 FAX-623-6309  
 [www.co.humboldt.nv.us](http://www.co.humboldt.nv.us)

**LANDER COUNTY:**  
315 S. Humboldt Street  
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820  
(775)-635-5738 FAX-635-0394  
 [www.landercounty.org](http://www.landercounty.org)

**LINCOLN COUNTY:**  
181 North Main Street, Suite 201  
P.O. Box 90  
Pioche, Nevada 89043-090  
(775)-962-8077 FAX-962-5180  
 [www.lincolncounty.org](http://www.lincolncounty.org)

**LYON COUNTY:**  
315 S. Humboldt Street  
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820  
(775)-635-5738 FAX-635-0394  
 [www.lyoncounty.org](http://www.lyoncounty.org)

**MINERAL COUNTY:**  
105 South "A" Street, Suite 1  
P.O. Box 1450  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415-0400  
(775)-945-2446 FAX-945-0706  
 [www.mineralcounty.vg](http://www.mineralcounty.vg)

**NYE COUNTY:**  
101 Radar Road  
P.O. Box 1031  
Tonopah, Nevada 89049-1031  
(775)-482-8127 FAX-482-8133  
 [www.nyecounty.nv](http://www.nyecounty.nv)

**PERSHING COUNTY:**  
398 Main Street  
P.O. Box 820  
Lovelock, Nevada 89419-0820  
(775)-273-2208 FAX-273-3015  
 [www.pershingcounty.net](http://www.pershingcounty.net)

**STOREY COUNTY:**  
26 S. "B" Street  
Drawer "D"  
Virginia City, Nevada 89440  
(775)-847-0969 FAX-847-0921  
 Website:  [www.storeycounty.org](http://www.storeycounty.org)

**WASHOE COUNTY Elections Department:**  
1001 E. Ninth Street, RM A135  
Reno, NV 89512  
(775)-328-3670 FAX-328-3747  
 [www.washoe nv.gov/voters](http://www.washoe nv.gov/voters)

**WASHOE COUNTY Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 11130  
Reno, Nevada 89520

**WHITE PINE COUNTY:**  
801 Clark Street #4  
Ely, Nevada 89301-1994  
(775) 293-6509 FAX-289-2544  
 [www.whitepinecounty.net](http://www.whitepinecounty.net)
PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR VOTING ACCESS (PAVA)
NDALC receives funds under HAVA for Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) on behalf of individuals with disabilities. NDALC has the following service priorities under PAVA:

- **Voter Registration**
  NDALC provides voter registration assistance and education to individuals with disabilities by distributing Voter Registration Applications at outreach meetings and making them available at its offices or through the mail. NDALC encourages other agencies who provide services to individuals with disabilities to make Voter Registration Applications available.

- **Access To Polling Places**
  NDALC advocates that both State and County Election Officials in Nevada assure that all polling places are accessible. NDALC further advocates that the State and County Election Officials purchase and make available at least one accessible voting machine at each polling place in Nevada.

  NDALC assists individuals with disabilities in filing complaints regarding access issues (and other voting issues) under the state of Nevada based grievance procedure.

- **Develop and Distribute Information Related To Voting and HAVA**
  NDALC publishes and distributes information to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to register to vote, know their legal voting rights, and access polling places.

VOTING RIGHTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GUARDIANS
NRS 159.0594 states a person under a guardianship retains his/her right to vote unless the court specifically states otherwise and issues a court order indicating such. If you have a guardian and have questions about your voting rights, please contact NDALC directly for further assistance.

VOTING RIGHTS FOR EX-FELONS
NRS 176A.850 provides for the restoration of civil rights, including the right to vote for ex-felons. This statute generally provides for the automatic restoration of civil rights of a person who has been honorably discharged from probation or parole. For more information, contact the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation, Office of the Chief, 1445 Hot Springs Road, #104, Carson City, NV 89706, (775) 684-2605 or NDALC.
SOME OF NEVADA’S VOTING LAWS

- NRS 293.5235 provides that any person may assist an individual with a disability in completing the Voter Registration Application.

- NRS 293.5237 provides registration of a person at home by a field Registrar.

- NRS 293.296 provides that any person with a physical disability who is unable to mark a ballot or use a voting device is able to have assistance from any person they chose, unless the person is: a) the voter’s employer; b) an officer or agent of the voter’s union.

- NRS 293.2955 provides for the accessibility of the polling place, ballot, and election materials to an individual with a disability.

- NRS 427A.755 provides for and authorizes the use of a signature stamp, for all purposes including those related to voting, for people with a physical disability who are unable to write their name.

PROBLEMS/COMPLAINTS

To report an accessibility issue or problem at the poll:

Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center
Contact information is printed on the back cover. Please contact the office closest to you.

To file a complaint regarding a violation of HAVA, contact:

The United States Department of Justice
Disability Rights Section
Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530
(800) 253-3931 (Voice)
(202) 305-0082 (TTY)
www.ada.gov/t2cmpfrm.htm

To file a complaint with the Secretary of State contact:

The Nevada Secretary of State
Elections Division
101 N. Carson City Street, Suite 3
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 684-5705
Permanent Mail/Absentee Ballot Request

Are you a person with a physical disability?
- OR -
Are you at least 65 years of age?

If you are either of the above, you may request a permanent, mail/absentee ballot be sent to you for all elections.

Contact the county clerk/registrar in the county where you reside.

There are time sensitive deadlines so act quickly.

Call NDALC if you need more information.

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Reno, NV 89502
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reno@ndalc.org
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