

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE

Federal and State law require the election process be accessible to all voters. Accessibility is viewed from three perspectives – **ballot accessibility, polling place accessibility and language accessibility**. If you have special needs, contact your local election office for accommodation information.

BALLOT ACCESSIBILITY

Each polling place must have a minimum of one fully accessible, HAVA compliant voting machine that allows voters with disabilities to vote independently. Disabled voters may request assistance from a friend, family member or companion or seek assistance from a worker at a polling location.

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY

Polling places are public accommodations and must be accessible for all voters. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) checklist is used to ensure polling places are accessible. K.S.A. 25-2710 further establishes standards of accessibility for polling places to include the requirements of ramps and handrails, wheelchair accessible voting booths and wheelchair friendly doorways.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

If more than five percent of a county's residents who are of voting age include members of a single-language minority group that do not speak or understand English adequately to comfortably participate in the electoral process, alternative language assistance is provided through printed materials and language outreach. Currently, five counties in Kansas provide required alternative language assistance – ***Finney, Ford, Grant, Haskell and Seward Counties***.

If you feel your voting rights have been compromised or violated, please contact the Office of Secretary of State at **1-800-262-8683** or visit **sos.ks.gov**.