

About the Disability Law Center

The Disability Law Center of Alaska is a private non-profit, consumer-directed organization incorporated in 1977, and designated as the Statewide Protection and Advocacy agency to promote the legal and human rights of individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities.

Consumers may access our educational, administrative, and legal services through our four offices, located in Anchorage, Juneau, Bethel and Fairbanks. Services are prioritized through a public input process that occurs annually.

Our advocacy is geared toward improving the lives of individuals and toward creating systemic change for all Alaskans with disabilities in six life domains: health care, individual and community supports, education, transportation, employment and housing.

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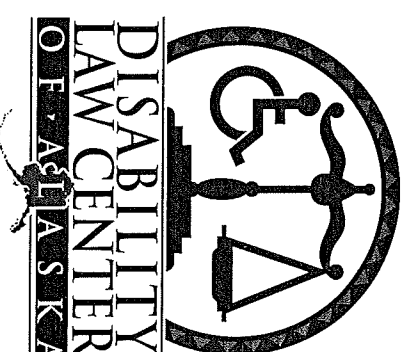
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Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access



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What is HAVA?

On October 29, 2002, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was signed into law. This law requires states to establish, expand and improve access to voting areas and increase voter participation by individuals with disabilities.

HAVA monies are used by states in collaboration with local governments to enhance accessibility to polling places for individuals with disabilities; provide outreach to the disability community about polling accessibility; and to train poll workers, elections officials and volunteers on methods to promote access and increase voter participation for individuals with disabilities.

What is PAVA?

HAVA has provided specific funds to Protection and Advocacy Systems to ensure that people with disabilities are able to fully participate in the voting process. With this money, Disability Law Center created PAVA – *Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access*. Access includes registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places. These funds allow PAVA to:

- Develop a disability awareness training for election officials to focus on how to support a person with a disability to vote privately and independently.
- Provide assistance to election officials in surveying polling places and recommending changes to achieve accessibility.
- Develop informational material for people with disabilities on rights in the voting process. This material will be used to educate people with disabilities about their voting rights.

Requirements to Vote

A person may register to vote if that person:

- Is a citizen of the United States
- Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 within 90 days of registering to vote
- Is a resident of Alaska
- Is not a convicted felon, unless unconditionally discharged
- Has not been deemed incompetent to vote
- Is not registered to vote in another state

A person is eligible to vote if that person:

- Is a citizen of the United States
- Is 18 years of age or older
- Has registered to vote in the proper election jurisdiction (neighborhood) at least 30 days prior to the election
- Is not a convicted felon