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Voting News from the Disability Vote Coalition

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the electoral process of voters with disabilities.

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Thank You Municipal Clerks!

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition (WDVC) is joining with other organizations to celebrate Municipal Clerks Week, May 2-8, 2021 and to honor our municipal clerks. The 52nd Annual Municipal Clerks Week recognizes the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government, and administering our elections.

We invited community members to recognize their municipal clerk and received 76 responses recognizing the outstanding work of 44 municipal clerks across Wisconsin. These clerks were recognized for working to make the voting process welcoming and inclusive. We applaud their hard work to reduce barriers for voters. You can view their nominations on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

Here's how you can celebrate your Municipal Clerk:

1. Send a thank you email or letter to your Municipal Clerk. View their name and contact information on the My Vote Wisconsin website, "My Voter Info"
2. Take a selfie photo with a Thank You message to your local clerk and post it on Facebook. Tag the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition in your post.

3. Share our Facebook posts and our website nomination page widely on social media.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Municipal Clerks Week. Municipal Clerks are so important in making voting accessible and positive for every voter. Thank you for letting them know what a difference they make to Wisconsin voters!

Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to get involved with the Disability Vote Coalition? We welcome community members who share our commitment to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

Join us! For information, email info@disabilityvote.org or call the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 844-DIS-VOTE/ 844-347-8683

Policy Update: Voting Bills Advance in the State Legislature

The state legislature is considering some bills that may make it more difficult for some people with disabilities and older adults to vote. Some of the bills may be voted on by the full Legislature the week of May 10th.

The bills would:

- Create new barriers to voting for many voters with a disability and older adults.
- Make it more difficult for friends and neighbors to assist you with returning an absentee ballot.
- Restrict workers in nursing homes and group homes from offering residents assistance with voting.
- Threaten volunteers, clerks, and others with prosecution for violating the new barriers.

To learn more about the bills:

- View our [Voter Advocacy Training Presentation here \(accessible PDF\)](#).
- [Published bill analysis from Law Forward](#)

If these issues are important to you, tell your legislators about your concerns regarding

these bills. Let them know how the voting bills will impact you and will make it harder for many Wisconsinites with disabilities and older adults to vote.

To find contact information for your legislators, you can call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472 or enter your home address in the “Who Are My Legislators?” box on the [Wisconsin State Legislature Home Page](#)

VOTING QUESTIONS?

Help is available! Contact these resources:

- **Your municipal clerk:** myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk.
 - **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:** 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE or email info@disabilityvote.org
 - **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** disabilityvote.org/
 - **Follow us on Facebook:** facebook.com/wisconsin Disability Vote
 - **Wisconsin Elections Commission:**
1-866-VOTE-WIS elections@wi.gov elections.wi.gov/
 - **DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069.** Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
 - Vote411.org and ballotpedia.org: nonpartisan information about the candidates
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- Find your polling place
 - See what's on your ballot
 - Register to vote
 - Nonpartisan resource
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