

# Cast your vote accessibly.

Learn about Hawaii's accessible election services and find the voting method that suits your needs.

Consider which voting method meets your accessibility needs.



## Vote at home with a paper ballot.

**Automatic mail delivery.** Your ballot packet arrives directly to your mailing address.

**You're allowed to have help.** If reviewing, marking, and returning your ballot poses a challenge, you can ask for help. You're permitted to ask someone you feel comfortable with to help read through your ballot, mark your choices, and be your witness if you cannot sign the return envelope independently. Your employer or your union agent are prohibited from helping.

**Prepaid return envelope provided.** Return your ballot by mail in the provided return envelope. No additional postage is required.

**1. Register.** By registering to vote, you'll automatically receive a mail ballot every election. No separate request is needed.

**2. Receive.** Receive your ballot to your mailing address at least 18 days before Election Day.

**3. Vote.** Vote and return your ballot by mail. Return envelopes are preaddressed and postage is included. Alternatively, you can drop your voted ballot at a ballot drop box in your county or have someone drop it off for you. Find a ballot drop box in your area at [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) or by calling (808) 453-VOTE (8683).

## Vote at home with an accessible electronic ballot.

If you have a print disability and are unable to read standard print, you're eligible to vote using an electronic ballot, commonly referred to as an Alternate Format Ballot or AFB.

**Convenient e-mail delivery.** Your Alternate Format Ballot (AFB) is securely sent to your email address. The ballot itself is not connected to the Internet and is only transmitted electronically.

**Compatible with personal assistive devices.** Use your at-home assistive devices to review and mark your ballot independently. The AFB is compatible with all major browsers, device sizes (including smartphones

and tablets), and personal assistive devices.

**1. Register.** Check the option to request an Alternate Format Ballot (AFB) and affirm that you meet the qualifications. You'll need to provide your email address.

**2. Receive.** Receive your AFB to your email address at least 18 days before Election Day.

**3. Vote.** Vote and return your ballot following the instructions provided with your AFB. Your voted ballot can be returned via email or by printing and returning it using the official return envelope provided to you by mail.

## Vote at a voter service center using a ballot marking device.

If you are unable to hand-mark a ballot with a pen, visit a voter service center to use the accessible ballot marking device, Verity Touch Writer.

**Enhanced accessibility features.** The Verity Touch Writer allows you to independently choose your ballot selections through an electronic interface.

Device features include:

- Large touchscreen interface
- Rotary wheel console to move through the ballot
- Compatibility with tactile switches and "sip and puff" devices
- Adjustable text size and screen contrast for increased visibility
- Headphone capability for audio access

**Accessible machines available statewide.** All voter service centers are equipped with the Verity Touch Writer. Voter service centers are open for 10 business days leading up to Election Day, giving you ample time to visit a location to vote.

**Not electronic voting.** The Verity Touch Writer is simply an electronic device to assist you in reviewing and marking your ballot. After voting, you'll print a paper ballot to be scanned for counting. The printed ballot is the same one used

by all voters whether at the voter service center or by mail.

- 1. Register.** Registering ahead of your visit may reduce your wait time.
- 2. Locate.** Find a voter service center in your area at [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) or by calling (808) 453-VOTE (8683).
- 3. Vote.** Vote using the Verity Touch Writer, and submit your voted ballot as instructed by election officials.

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## Register to Vote

Go to [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) to register online or learn about other registration options. If you've moved or changed your name or mailing address, make sure your voter registration information is up to date.

## Track Your Ballot

Keeps tabs on the journey of your ballot and receive reminders to keep you on track, including a reminder to return your voted ballot when the deadline is approaching. To sign up for ballot tracking notifications, visit [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) or call the

Office of Elections for phone assistance.

## Your Right to Assistance

If you need assistance through the election process, including registering to vote, marking your ballot or using the accessible voting equipment, you may have a trusted individual, like a friend, family member, or caregiver, provide you with the help you need. Be cautious of any signs of voter intimidation when seeking help. It is important to remember that the person providing you assistance should not coerce or display partisan interests.

**Protections against voter intimidation.** To provide protection against voter intimidation or persuasion within the workplace, Hawaii law prohibits your employer or union agent from providing you voting assistance. Additionally, candidates are prohibited from assisting voters with their ballot.

## Accommodations

If you need accommodations or require auxiliary aids/services due to a disability, please contact your County Elections Division as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

## Language Assistance

如需翻譯後的選舉材料或語言協助，請聯絡選舉辦公室。

No nā pono koho pāloka a i 'ole no ke kōkua 'ōlelo Hawai'i, e ho'oka'a'ike i ka Māhele Koho o ka Moku'āina.

Para kadagiti naipatarus a materiales a mainaig iti eleksion wenno tulong iti lengguahe, awagan ti Opisina Dagiti Eleksion (Office of Elections).

Para sa mga isinalin na babasahin tungkol sa pagboto o kung kailangan ang tulong sa wika, makipag-ugnayan sa Tanggapan ng mga Eleksyon.

## Contact Us

For information about registering to vote, contact your County Elections Division.

County of Hawaii: (808) 961-8277

County of Maui: (808) 270-7749

County of Kauai: (808) 241-4800

City & County of Honolulu: (808) 768-3800

For additional voting information, contact the **Office of Elections**.

Phone: (808) 453-VOTE (8683)

Toll Free: 1-800-442-VOTE (8683)

TTY: (808) 453-6150

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Email: [elections@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections@hawaii.gov)

Website: [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov)

