



My Vote

Election Workshop
2016

ID Action is a nonpartisan, statewide project dedicated to creating greater civic and political involvement among people with disabilities.

We've got work to do

15.6 million people with disabilities voted
in national elections in 2012,

BUT

the rate is still 5.7% lower nationally
than for people who do not have
disabilities. (It's 6.3% lower in Iowa.)

WHY???

Eliminating Barriers

REASON NUMBER 1:

I don't know if it really matters if I vote

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If people with disabilities voted at the same rate as people without disabilities, approximately 10 million more votes would be cast.

That could make a difference!



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REASON NUMBER 2:

I don't know if I can vote

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- Will you be 18 years old on or before Election Day?
- Do you live in Iowa?
- Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Are you voting only in Iowa?



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REASON NUMBER 3:

I am not sure how to register to vote

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Register early

- By October 29 at 5:00 p.m.
- Complete the paper registration form
- Complete the online registration on the Secretary of State website – www.sos.iowa.gov

The screenshot shows the Iowa Secretary of State website. At the top, it says "IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE Paul D. Pate". Below that is a navigation menu with links for Home, Business Services, Search Databases, Online Filing, Elections, Notaries, Nonprofits, and Youth. The main content area is titled "Voter Registration" and includes the following text:

To vote in Iowa, you must be registered to vote. To qualify to register to vote, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen,
- An Iowa resident, and
- At least 17 1/2 years old (must be 18 years old by election day to vote.)

You cannot:

- Be a convicted felon (unless your voting rights have been restored)
- Be judged mentally incompetent to vote by a court, or
- Claim the right to vote in any other place.

Below this is a link for "Voter registration information in Iowa:" and a button labeled "v/VoterRegistration". A red circle highlights a box that says "Click here for Electronic Voter Registration" and "Iowa Driver's License or Non-operator's ID Required". Below this box is a link to the Iowa Motor Vehicle Division website. On the right side of the page, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and a section for "Republican Iowa Caucus 2016 Results" with the Republican Party logo.

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Register on Election Day

- Prove who you are and where you live



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REASON NUMBER 4:

I don't feel informed

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How can you find out about the issues and the candidates?



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REASON NUMBER 5:

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You have the RIGHT to:

- vote independently and privately
- have help
- an accessible polling location
- accessible voting equipment

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REASON NUMBER 6:

I don't know how to vote

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- Vote an absentee ballot from home
 - Deadline to request is November 4, 2016



or

- Vote at a Satellite Center or County Auditor's office

or

- Vote in person on Election Day

5 Easy Steps to Vote

1. Register
2. Get informed
3. Know YOUR RIGHTS
4. Find out when and where
5. Vote