UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

A RIGHT
As a citizen in the United States who is over 18 years old, you have the right to vote. When you vote you help elect the people who make the laws that affect your life.

A RESPONSIBILITY
There are many issues that affect people with disabilities. All voters have a responsibility to know what they want to vote for. You can educate yourself about issues that are important to you.

Read newspapers, watch the news, and search the internet to learn about candidates and issues you are interested in.

HELPFUL RESOURCES
• Disability Rights TN
• GoVoteTN.org
• TN Secretary of State
• TN.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I register to vote?
Yes, if...
• You are a Tennessee resident
• You are a United States citizen
• You are 18 or older
• A court has not removed your voting rights

Where can I register to vote?
• Government agencies like the library, Vocational Rehabilitation, WIC offices, or the post office.
• Mail-in registration forms are also available online at the TN Secretary of State’s website.
• Online at https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/

When can I register to vote?
At any time, however, your registration must be completed and submitted at least 30 days before voting in an election.

How do I know if I am registered?
You will get a voter registration card in the mail. If you do not, contact your local county election commission.

Where can I vote?
Your polling place should be listed on your voter registration card. Contact your election commission office with questions.

When can I vote?
• Election day
• During Early voting—before the election. Your local election commission office can tell you where you can early vote.

What if I need help to vote?
You can choose someone to help you with voting or ask a poll worker at the site to help you.

What do I need to bring to vote?
A photo ID issued by Tennessee or the federal government.

What is the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)?
This is a law that:
• Encourages accessible voting locations
• Ensures you will know if your voting location is accessible
• Gives you the right to vote privately
• Allows you to vote independently or to ask for help
• Requires all voting locations to have accessible voting machines