

# PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

Everyone wants to vote, including voters with mental disabilities. If you are a voter with a developmental disability, you should know your rights. Knowing your rights will help make sure you can vote. Take this piece of paper with you when you go to vote so that you know what your rights are.

You can also show this to others if you run into any problems. This paper tells lawyers and poll workers where to find the laws that protect your right to vote!

## You do have the right to vote!

- If you are a person with a developmental disability and understand what it means to vote, Federal law guarantees your right to vote.



The law that gives you that right: The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12132; *Doe v. Rowe*, 156 F.Supp.2d 35 (D.Me.2001).

## You can vote if you are under guardianship!

- If you are under guardianship, you are still eligible to vote UNLESS a court order revokes that right.



The law that gives you that right: Minnesota Statute § 201.014, subd. 2

## You have the right to get help from a person YOU choose

- If you can't read or need help voting because of your disability, you can have someone help you vote.
- You can bring a friend, family member or someone else you trust.
- You can also ask the election judge to help you if you didn't bring anyone with you.



The law that gives you that right: The Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §§1973aa-6; The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12132; Minnesota Statute §204C.15, subd. 1

## If you have a problem, you can get help by calling 1-866-OUR-VOTE

- Lawyers are available to give voters with disabilities and other voters advice and help with voting problems, so call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683).

## You have the right to vote even if you have been challenged!

- If you are truly eligible, you **MUST** be allowed to vote.
- You may be asked questions about your eligibility, but as long as you answer truthfully and give answers that indicate you are eligible, the election judge has to give you an oath to swear that you are eligible.
- If the you swear to tell the truth, answer the questions and sign the roster, the election judge must allow you to vote.



The law that gives you that right: Minnesota Statute §204C.12