

State & Federal Accessibility Laws

This list is not exhaustive. Contact your local Commonwealth's Attorney for legal advice.

- [The Voting Rights Act of 1965](#) (VRA)
 - Requires election officials to allow a voter who is blind or has another disability to receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice. Prohibits election officials from conditioning the right to vote on being able to read or write, attaining a particular level of education, or passing an interpretation "test."
- [Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984](#) (VAEHA)
 - Requires election officials to provide either an accessible polling place in federal elections or an alternate means of voting
- [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA)
 - The ADA requires state and local governments and their election officials to ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote in all elections. This includes federal, state, and local elections. And it includes all parts of voting, like voter registration, selecting a location for polling places, and voting, whether on election day or during an early or absentee voting process.
- [National Voter Registration Act of 1993](#) (NVRA)
 - Requires all offices that provide public assistance or state-funded programs that primarily serve persons with disabilities to provide an opportunity to register to vote in federal elections.
- [Help America Vote Act of 2002](#) (HAVA)
 - Requires election officials responsible for conducting federal elections to:
 - provide at least one accessible voting system for persons with disabilities at each polling place; and
 - ensure that the accessible voting system provides the same privacy and independence that other voters receive
- Virginians with Disabilities Act (VDA)
 - [§51.5-43](#) states, "No person with a disability who is otherwise entitled to vote...and who is not disqualified from voting....shall be denied the opportunity to register or vote in this Commonwealth because of such disability."
- The Code of Virginia, Title 24.2
 - [§24.2-310\(C\)](#)-Polling Places must be accessible.
 - [§24.2-413](#)-Voter Registration locations must accessible.
 - [§24.2-418](#)- Voter with a physical disability does not have to sign application.
 - [§24.2-604.1](#)-Signage for accessible entrance if different from main entrance
 - [§24.2-626.1](#)-Must have at least one accessible voting system per polling place
 - [§24.2-649.1](#)-Curbside Voting

