

Disabilities Law Program

PAVA Priorities FY23

Priority 1

The DLP will work to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities. Activities may include, but not limited to:

- Assisting with registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.
- DLP will conduct outreach to service providers and facilities to encourage greater access to voting for their clients and residents

Priority 2

The DLP will work to provide education, training, and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process. Activities may include, but not limited to:

- Education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities information regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day.
- Education on new methods for voting in Delaware based on recent legislation, including vote by mail and early voting

Priority 3

The DLP will attempt to engage in training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in collaborating with individuals with disabilities. Activities may include, but not limited to:

- Providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers
- Conducting surveys to assess concerns of voters with disabilities, and sharing the results with candidates and/or the public

Priority 4

The DLP will assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State-based administrative grievance procedure required by HAVA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint.

Priority 5

The DLP will provide assistance to state and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places, accessibility of alternative voting methods and accessibility of information and websites. Activities may include, but not limited to:

- Surveying polling places, identifying potential modifications to make specific polling places accessible, and developing criteria for identifying accessible polling places
- Evaluating information and website accessibility and content and evaluating accessibility and ease of use of alternative voting methods.
- Collecting and providing voter feedback

Priority 6

The DLP will obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Once educated, the information may be used to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use.