# The Disability Vote can make a big difference!

Funding for services and supports.

Ending waiting lists for services.

Closing the institutions.

Employment opportunities.

Earning decent wages.

Getting accessible and affordable, housing.

Funding for education and college.

Receiving quality health care.

Improving your benefits.

Ending discrimination against people with disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

#### How to Vote in Massachusetts!

In Person at your Voting Place: The place that you vote must be accessible, and have an AutoMark machine available if you need it.

## If you can't get to your Voting Place on election day:

**Early Voting:** As of November 2016, we now have early voting in Massachusetts. Each town will provide a voting location that you can vote at during the last two weeks before election day.

Absentee Ballot: You can vote from home. Go to your town hall, get a form from your town clerk and fill it out. They will mail you a voting ballot that you can fill out at home and mail back or bring back to the town clerk.

## **Register Now!**

The deadline to register to vote in any election or regular town meeting is twenty (20) days before the date of the election or meeting.

The deadline to register to vote in a special town meeting is ten (10) days before the special town meeting.

Why wait? Register now!



## **Voting Rights**

#### You have the right to:

Vote by yourself and make your own choices.

Get help voting from a person of your choice, or get help from an election worker.

Use an accessible voting place and an accessible voting machine.

Vote even if you have a guardian, unless a court says that you can't.

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## **REV UP!** Massachusetts

### **REGISTER!**

You may register to vote in Massachusetts if:

- You are a citizen of the United States; and
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election; and
- You live in Massachusetts; and
- You are not in prison because you were convicted of a felony crime.

You have many choices on how you want to register to vote:

- In Person at your local voting place (your Town Hall) or at the Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office
- Online if you have a Massachusetts driver's license or Massachusetts state ID
- By mail—you can download a registration form from www.sec.state.ma.us/ele and mail it to your town clerk.

#### **EDUCATE!**

Know your rights, who is running for office and what the issues are! As a voter, it is your responsibility to learn about all the local, state and national people running for office. Elected officials control where the money is spent—such as what is covered under MassHealth, which playgrounds are accessible, and where the curb cuts will be.

## **Online Information**

Massachusetts Voter Information: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/

REV Up Information for Voters with Disabilities: Revupma.org



## **VOTE!**

All people who register to vote have the following rights:

- Even if I have a guardian, I can vote unless a court said that I cannot.
- I can vote by myself or with help.
- If I ask they must help me at the voting place with an assistive voting machine.
- If I need help marking my ballot, I can bring anyone I choose into the voting booth with me. I can also ask for help from the people working in the voting place.
- If I choose, I can mark my ballot with the AutoMARK Voter Assist machine that must be available at my voting place.
- Even if I am waiting in line when the voting time ends, they have to let me vote!