

## WHAT IS PAVA?

The Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) program implements P&A's role in the 2002 Help America Vote Act (HAVA). HAVA was inspired by the 2000 presidential election recount and aims to make voting easier for everyone, specifically people with disabilities.



PAVA's purpose is to ensure full participation in all aspects of the voting process for people with disabilities including registering to vote, casting votes, and accessing polling places.

There are no fees for services.

## WHAT SERVICES DOES PAVA OFFER?

### EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Educate voters and persons involved in the electoral process about the rights of citizens with disabilities.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

- Provide information to people with disabilities about voter registration and the chance to register to vote.
- Provide advice about access to polling places on Election Day.

### SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

- Work with groups representing individuals with disabilities and other organizations in registering voters and surveying polling places for accessibility.

### REPRESENTATION

- Represent individuals who have complaints about the electoral process, although the law prohibits P&A using HAVA funds for litigation.

## REGISTER TO VOTE!

If you are not already a registered voter, contact your county voter registration office. A list is available at: [www.state.sc.us/scsec/votereg.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/votereg.htm) or get a voter registration form at: [www.state.sc.us/scsec/vr/index.html](http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/vr/index.html).

You will also find the voter registration office in the telephone book blue pages under county government listings.

You can also register to vote at P&A or any of the offices of these state agencies:

- Division of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- DHEC/WIC Program
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Commission for the Blind
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

You must register at least 30 days prior to Election Day in order to vote.

## How Do You CONTACT Us?

P&A's services are provided statewide and are NOT limited by age, race, sex, type of disability, income, residency, or religion. For information or assistance, call the P&A Help Line:

*toll-free statewide*

*866-275-7273 (Voice & TTY)*

*in Columbia area*

*803-782-0639 (Voice & TTY)*

*or*

*visit our website:*

*[www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org](http://www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org)*

*or*

*write us:*

*3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208*

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