

ACP Brochure/Voter Discrimination Checklist

This checklist covers items specific of Title III of HAVA and are the only items for which a formal complaint can be made. See additional note \*\*\* on back.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

My Polling site address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Problem or discrimination: (see list, check items that are appropriate, add comments here):

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Suggestions for resolutions or modifications:

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List of situations where discrimination might occur:

- I have registered to vote for the first time this year
- I provided the last 4 digits of my Social Security number on my voter registration form
  - I provided a copy of my ID with my voter registration form
- I was asked to show ID before I voted

My ID is:

- Driver's License with photo
- Non-Driver's ID with photo
- a current utility bill
- my bank statement
- a government issued check
- my paycheck
- other government document that shows my name and address
- Poll worker did not accept my form of ID

- I am already a registered voter but my name was not listed in the registration book
- I was told I could vote using a Provisional ballot
- I voted using a Provisional ballot
- I was given information about how to find out if my vote counted
- This information was not accessible to me / I asked for an alternate format
  - Braille
  - Large print
  - Alternate language

- I am a registered voter but my name was removed from the list and
- I was not notified by mail or given an opportunity to correct the problem

- I was told I was not eligible to vote
- I was not allowed to vote

Write reason poll worker gave you here:

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- I voted using the accessible voting machine
- The machine was not working properly so I voted another way
- The poll worker did not explain the directions to me
- The machine did not allow me to make changes before printing the ballot
- I asked for a new ballot
- I was not able to verify my vote before the ballot was cast/printed
- The machine did not tell me the ballot was not filled out correctly
- There was no accessible machine in my polling place
- The accessible voting machine was in a separate room
- The poll worker was impatient or disrespectful towards me
- I was not able to vote privately and independently

- I voted by absentee ballot
- I was not made aware of the effect of overvoting while using an absentee ballot

Check only one:

- Yes**    **No** My polling place had a sample ballot available
- Yes**    **No** The sample ballot was available in alternate format
- Yes**    **No** The print on the sample ballot was too small to see/read
- Yes**    **No** As a person using a seated mobility device/of short stature, the sample ballot was posted at a height accessible to me
- Yes**    **No** My polling place posted information about hours of operation
  - Yes**    **No** My polling place posted instructions on how to cast a vote
  - Yes**    **No** My polling place posted instructions on how to cast a provisional ballot
  - Yes**    **No** My polling place posted instructions about ID requirements for first time voters
  - Yes**    **No** My polling place posted information on voting rights and who to contact if these rights are violated
  - Yes**    **No** My polling place posted information on Federal and State laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation

For assistance in filing a complaint about voting discrimination, please contact: Your local ILC Systems Advocate.

Or contact Project HAVA at the Catskill Center for Independence:  
 Helen Benlisa  
 Project HAVA Coordinator  
 888-697-4282

**Additional Note\*\*\*: The physical accessibility of a polling site is NOT covered under Title III of HAVA and therefore cannot be the basis of a discrimination complaint. However, making a note of inadequate accessibility at your polling site on the formal complaint submitted to the NYS BOE may help them understand the scope of the accessibility issues still facing the state.**

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

-Margaret Mead

Be a HAVA Warrior and Fight Voter Discrimination!



Use this checklist to report on the problems voters with disabilities still face at the polls.

If you have checked some of the items on the list you might be able to file a formal Administrative Complaint with New York State Board of Elections.

Your local Systems Advocate and/or Project HAVA can help.

Remember...

