Know Your Rights: Bilingual Voter Protections

The Voting Rights Act of 1965

- **Section 203**: Certain jurisdictions that meet population and literacy requirements must provide live voting assistance and any election-related information they make available in English in the covered language(s) as well.

- **Section 208**: Any person who needs assistance as a result of blindness, disability, or the inability to read or write, including voters who have difficulty with English, can receive assistance from a person of their choice, as long as it is not an agent or officer of the voter’s employer or union.

Language Assistance in Elections – Alaska

Language assistance is available in dialects of Yup’ik/Cup’ik, Cup’ig, Gwich’in, Inupiaq, Denaakk’e (Koyukon Athabascan), Tagalog, and Spanish. Bilingual election workers can assist voters, or voters may have a person of their choice* provide assistance. Need language assistance when you vote? Tell election officials what you need or call toll-free 1-866-954-8683.

*Family member, friend, or other person of your choice. Not your employer, or an agent of your employer or union. Helper must respect the voter’s privacy, and may go into the voting booth to help the voter cast his or her ballot.

Alaska Division of Elections
Language Assistance Information

- **Spanish/Español**
- **Yuut Qalarkaraitgun Ikayullrit (General Central Yup’ik)**
- **Yuut Qalarkaraitgun Uqisqilirit (Norton Sound Kotlik Yup’ik)**
- **Yuut Qalarkaraitgun Ikayullrit (Yukon Yup’ik)**
- **Yuut Qalarkaraitgun Ikayuriyaraq (Hooper Bay Yup’ik)**
- **Bristol Bay Yup’ik**
- **Cuut Qalarkaraitgun Ikayuriyaraq (Chevak Cup’ik)**
- **Dinjii Zhuh K’yaa Gwits’inyaa (Gwich’in)**
- **Northern Inupiaq**
- **Nunivak Cup’ig**
- **Unangam Tunuu (Aleut)**
Ranked Choice Voting Information

- Spanish/Español
- Yuut Qalarcaraitgun Ikayullrit (General Central Yup’ik)
- Yuut Qalarcaraitgun Uksiqillrit (Norton Sound Kotlik Yup’ik)
- Yuut Qalarcaraitgun Ikayullrit (Yukon Yup’ik)
- Yuut Qalarcaraitgun IKayuriyaraq (Hooper Bay Yup’ik)
- Bristol Bay Yup’ik
- Cuut Qalarcaraitgun IKayuriyaraq (Chevak Cup’ik)
- Northern Inupiaq

Voter Language Assistance Hotlines

- English: 866-OUR-VOTE – Election Protection
- Spanish/English: 888-VE-Y-VOTA – NALEO Educational Fund
- Arabic/English: 844-YALLA-US – Arab American Institute (AAI)
- Asian Languages/English: 888-API-VOTE – APIAVote & Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)
- Division of Elections (907) 465-4611
- Language Assistance 1-866-954-8683

Other Resources

- Sightline Institute
  - November 2022 Election FAQs
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Language Rights in Voting
  - Section 208 Fact Sheets: Your Right to Bring Someone to Help You in the Voting Booth
    - Chinese (Simplified) (中文 (简))
    - Chinese (Traditional) (中文 (繁))
    - Bangla (বাংলা)
    - Hindi (हिंदी)
    - Hmong (hmoob)
    - Japanese (日本語)
    - Khmer (ខ្មែរ)
    - Korean (한국어)
Section 203 Fact Sheets: Your Right to Language Voting Assistance

- Tagalog
- Thai
- Vietnamese (tiếng Việt)

○ Chinese (Simplified) (中文 (简))
○ Chinese (Traditional) (中文 (繁))
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