



## 2018 Election Voter Experience Survey

### INTRODUCTION

The SABE GoVoter Project is investigating issues around voting for people with disabilities. We are asking these questions about the November 6, 2018 government elections not yourself advocacy groups or organizations elections. You do not have to complete this survey or answer any questions. If you choose to answer, it will help us learn about your voting experience and how we can make it better.

We do not ask for your name so no one else will know what you said on the survey. In our report we will only share the city and state you live in. If you have more questions about your privacy please call Essie Pederson, [Essie.pederson@gmail.com](mailto:Essie.pederson@gmail.com).

You can complete this survey on-line or on paper copy.

1. You can go on-line at the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) website, [www.sabeusa.org](http://www.sabeusa.org) and click on "SABE GoVoter Survey". If you have any problems getting to the survey there contact Juliana Huereña at [j.juerena@swifamilies.org](mailto:j.juerena@swifamilies.org) or (602) 502-7426.
2. You can go to your state Protection and Advocacy (P&A) organization's website and click on the "SABE GoVoter Survey". If you have any problems finding the survey there contact Juliana Huereña at [j.juerena@swifamilies.org](mailto:j.juerena@swifamilies.org) or (602) 502-7426.

3. You can do the survey with other self advocates at your Self Advocacy Group Meeting. Call the President of your local self advocacy group and ask for help completing the survey at the meeting.
4. You can ask for a paper copy of the survey by contacting your state P&A or Juliana Huereña at [j.juerena@swifamilies.org](mailto:j.juerena@swifamilies.org) or (602) 502-7426 for a paper copy of the survey.
5. You can call a SABE GoVoter Team Member and ask them to help you with the survey. Call Teresa Moore at (602) 725-3117 or [mooreadvocacy@hotmail.com](mailto:mooreadvocacy@hotmail.com) .

Paper surveys must be mailed to Essie Pederson, 5242 Sunrise View Circle, Liberty Township, OH 45044 or emailed to [Essie.pederson@gmail.com](mailto:Essie.pederson@gmail.com) .

**The survey deadline is January 1, 2019.**

Just as it is important to know that YOUR VOTE COUNTS, we need to know that you have the accessibility you need to MAKE IT COUNT!

Thank you,

*The SABE GoVoter Team*

## QUESTIONS

### 1. Do you have a disability?

- Yes
- No. Then you do not need to complete the survey. Thank you.

### 2. If you are comfortable, please answer your type of disability. Select all that apply.

- Intellectual or Cognitive
- Down syndrome
- Autism
- Physical
- (CP) Cerebral Palsy
- Speech or Language
- Visual
- Hearing
- Epilepsy
- TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)
- Mental Health
- Not comfortable answering
- I don't know
- Other, please explain.

**3. Did a judge or the court appoint someone (like a guardian or conservator) to make decisions for you?**

- Yes, **go to questions 4 and 5.**
- No or I do Not know, **go to question 6.**

**4. Does your guardian or conservator support you to vote?**

- Yes
- No

**5. Does your guardian or conservator tell you who to vote for?**

- Yes
- No

**6. Are you registered to vote?**

- Yes
- No. Would you like to register? Go to [eac.org](http://eac.org) and locate your state. **Go to question 27**

**7. How often do you vote?**

- Always
- Sometimes
- This is my first time voting

**8. How did you get voting information about candidates and issues? Select all that apply.**

- Information from your mail
- Door to door campaigning (person came to your door and talked about candidates) and street signs
- Information from the internet (computer)
- Attended meetings or forums about the candidates and issues
- Information from television: debates, talk shows, commercials
- Information from the radio
- Information from family, friends and guardian or conservator
- Information from my service provider staff
- Information from the newspaper
- Information from Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, You Tube ads)
- None, of these places
- Other, please explain.

**9. How did you vote?**

- I mailed my ballot or dropped it off at the polling place, **go to question 16.**
- I voted at the polling place on Election Day; Tuesday, November 6
- I went to an early voting site, and voted before Election Day
- Other, please explain.

**10. How did you get to the polling place? Answer and go to Question 12 unless you used Uber or Lyft.**

- Public transportation
- Uber or Lyft, **go to question 11**
- Taxi
- Services by Disability Transportation, paratransit
- My own car
- Walked or used my wheelchair
- My service provider or personal assistant
- My family, friend, guardian or conservator
- Other, please explain.

**11. How was your Uber or Lyft experience?**

I had a good experience

I did NOT have a good experience

Other, please explain.

**12. Did you have any problems with physical accessibility at your early voting or polling place? Select all that apply.**

- Not enough accessible parking available
- Could not locate the entrance to the building
- Could not see the outside voting signs from my vehicle for curbside voting (signs were too low)
- Could not locate the voting area when inside the building, no signs
- Ramp or elevator was not working or hard to use
- Could not easily move around in the voting area
- The lines were too long
- No problem with accessibility
- I had other problems not on the list. Please explain.

**13. How did the poll workers or judges treat you? Select all that apply.**

- They did not give me enough time to vote
- They said or did things that made me feel bad
- They acted like I could not vote by myself, even though I could
- They did not want me to vote
- They told me I could not bring my service animal into the voting area
- They did not want to help me
- They were nice and helpful
- I had other problems not on the list. Please explain.

**14. Was there an accessible voting machine available at the early or Election Day voting place?**

- Yes
- No
- I do not know



**15. Select all that apply about your experience with the accessible voting machine.**

- No, I did not use the accessible voting machine
- I had no problems using the accessible voting machine
- The poll worker or judge did not know how to turn on the voting machine
- I could not turn on the screen
- No headsets were available
- Headsets were available but did not work
- The poll worker or judge did not know how to turn on the audio features
- The poll worker or judge did not know how to make the volume louder or softer
- I could not “go back” or “change” who or what I voted for
- The poll worker or judge had to call for help to make the accessible voting machine work
- Other, please tell us about any other issues you had with the accessible voting machine.

**16. How did you complete and cast your ballot?**

- By myself
- With help from the poll worker or judge
- With help from a family member, friend, guardian
- With help from my service provider staff or personal assistant
- Other, please explain.

**17. Were you able to vote privately (where no other voters could see your ballot)?**

- I felt my vote was private
- Only people I asked to help me could see my ballot
- Other voters could see my ballot
- I did not feel my vote was private, please explain.

**18. Did you vote for the people and issues the way you wanted to vote?**

- Yes
- No

**19. Did you feel good about your voting experience?**

- Yes
- No
- If no, let us know what happened.

**20. Tell us about your experience using the ballot? Select all that apply.**

- I had no problems understanding the ballot
- I could not understand the ballot
- The print on the ballot was too small
- There were too many words on the ballot making it hard to understand
- The wording on the ballot made it hard to know if I was answering “yes” or “no”
- There was so much information on the ballot, I did not know how to use it to vote
- Other, please explain.

**21. Did you vote at a mega center where many precincts or neighborhoods go to vote?**

- Yes
- No
- If yes, tell us about your experience.

**22. Do you know who to call if you have a problem voting?**

- Yes
- No
- If yes, who?

**23. Did you have any problems voting?**

- Yes, go to questions 24 and 25
- No, go to question 26.

**24. Did you report it?**

- Yes
- No

**25. Was your problem solved?**

- Yes
- No

**26. In the future, how would you like to vote? Select one.**

- Vote by mail or absentee ballot
- Vote Early at a polling place before Election Day
- Vote at a polling place on Election Day
- Vote at a polling place using an accessible voting machine
- Vote at a mega center where many polling places and neighborhoods vote in one place
- Vote on a computer or tablet at the polling place
- Vote by using your phone
- Other, please explain

**27. In what state or U.S. territory do you live?**

**28. What city do you live in?**

**29. How old are you?**

- Between 18-25
- Between 26-39
- Between 40-55
- Between 56-66
- Older than 67
- Not comfortable answering

**30. What is your gender?**

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Not comfortable answering

**31. What is your race?**

- African American or Black
- Asian
- Caucasian or White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Mixed
- Not comfortable answering.
- Other, please explain.

**32. Where do you live?**

- Own my own home
- Live in an apartment by myself
- Live on my own with a roommate
- Live in a group home
- Live with my family
- Live with a foster family
- Live in an institution
- Live in an ICF/IDD
- Live in a nursing home
- Not comfortable answering.
- Other, please explain.

**33. Where do you work?**

- Unpaid internship
- Paid internship
- Full time employment, more than 32 hours
- Part time employment, less than 32 hours
- Self employed
- Volunteer in the community
- At a sheltered workshop or adult center
- I do not work, I stay home
- Not comfortable answering.
- Other, please explain.

**34. Would you like a copy of the November 2018 Voters with Disabilities Experience Survey Final Report?**

- No
- I will go to [www.sabeusa.org](http://www.sabeusa.org) website and search for it on the homepage
- Yes

If yes, please provide your name and mailing address or email.