

CIVIL RIGHTS & ADA COMPLIANCE



Wisconsin Council of the
Blind & Visually Impaired

OPPORTUNITIES

Prevent discrimination and promote full community inclusion of people with disabilities.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

- Increase voting access for people with disabilities:
 - o Enhance poll worker education about the rights of voters with disabilities.
 - o Promote and ensure accessible voting machines are available and easy to access at all polling places.
 - o Support the Wisconsin Elections Commission in creating accommodations for the statute requirement of stating name and address, for those voters who are unable to do so, due to disability.
- Pass legislation to bring Wisconsin's service animal law into alignment with the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Updating Wisconsin's law will clear up confusion currently faced by businesses and public venues about which types of animals may be allowed access to their premises. Define a service animal as one that provides an identifiable, defined task or service to its owner/handler.



Per federal ADA law, task-based service animals are the only animals having mandatory access to businesses and additional venues of public accommodation.

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