



SECTION 504 Lawsuit

Louisiana’s Attorney General, Liz Murrell, has joined 16 other states in the Texas v. Becerra lawsuit, asking the court to abolish Section 504. The states that signed on to this lawsuit did not like certain parts of Section 504. However, the lawsuit doesn’t just ask for some rules to be eliminated. It asks to eliminate ALL of Section 504. This lawsuit says that no one should have to follow any part of Section 504.

What is Section 504, and why do we need it?

Section 504 protects people with disabilities and prevents discrimination in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Below are a few things Section 504 covers:

Section 504 in Education

- Requires schools to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities.
- Provides accommodations so a student can learn in inclusive classrooms. This applies to all educational levels, including preschool, elementary, secondary, postsecondary, vocational, and adult education programs

Section 504 in Employment

- Requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.
- Prohibits employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services.

Section 504 in Housing

- Provides rights to people with disabilities in HUD-funded programs and activities
- Requires accessible new construction and alterations

Section 504 Public Spaces and Buildings

- Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in public spaces.
- Ensures public spaces are accessible and people with disabilities have equal access to services and activities.

How can you help?

Contact Attorney General Liz Murrill and let her know what this could do to you or your family. Let her know South Carolina is dropping out of the lawsuit, and Louisiana can, too. Let her know if Section 504 didn’t exist, it could be disastrous for many Louisianans with disabilities and would undo over 50 years of advocacy!! You can reach her by email at constituentservices@ag.louisiana.gov or by phone at 225-326-6079