

VOTER ASSISTANCE



There are many ways for voters with a range of disabilities to vote privately and independently.

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible. Cities and towns typically choose polling place locations and are responsible for polling place accessibility.

ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS

You can bring anyone to assist you while you vote or you can get assistance from election judges. You cannot get assistance from your employer, your union or a candidate for office. Your assistant can participate in all parts of the voting process. Assistants cannot influence how you vote or mark the ballot for you if you cannot communicate to them who you want to vote for.

SIGN IN ORALLY

You have the right to orally confirm who you are and to ask another person to sign for you if you cannot sign your name.

VOTERS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has taken away your right to vote in a court order.

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2017 DATES

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 8 (if necessary)

VOTE ABSENTEE

Vote by mail or in person September 22 through November 6.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Register in advance by October 17 to save time on Election Day.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7

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ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINE

Most polling places have a machine that can mark a ballot for you. It gives you privacy if you cannot (or choose not) to vote using a pen. The machine has a screen that displays the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background. It can also read the ballot to you through headphones. You can fill out your ballot using a Braille keypad, touchscreen or sip-and-puff device. After you make your choices, the machine prints your completed ballot.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If you cannot easily leave your vehicle you can ask to have a ballot brought out to you. This is known as 'curbside voting.' Two election judges from different major political parties will bring out a ballot to you. When you are finished voting, election judges will bring your ballot inside and put it in the ballot box.

GET A REPLACEMENT BALLOT

You have the right to a replacement ballot if you make a mistake on your ballot before you cast it.

FILE A COMPLAINT

You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are unhappy with the way an election is being run.