

# 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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### **2018 DATES**

#### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Tuesday, August 14  
(if necessary)

#### **VOTE ABSENTEE**

Vote by mail or in person September 21 through November 5.

#### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

Register in advance by October 16 to save time on Election Day.

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 6

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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.

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