



Accessible Voting FAQ

Accessible Options	Explanation
Polling place accessibility	State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible. A local official can only choose polling places that meet the standards, unless no available place within a precinct is accessible or can be made accessible. A full list of polling place accessibility standards can be found here .
Signing in orally	If you cannot sign your name, you have the right to orally identify yourself and ask another person to sign for you.
Assistance from others	<p>Every voter has the right to ask anyone for help, with the exception of an agent of your employer or union.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can bring a family member, friend, neighbor or anyone you choose to help you vote. - You may also ask an election judge at the polling place for assistance. <p>Your assistant can help you in all parts of the voting process, including in the voting booth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can show your ballot privately to an election judge to check that it is correctly marked. - Helpers are not allowed to influence your vote or share how you vote with others.
Accessible voting machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most polling places have a ballot marking 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, it prints your completed ballot. - Except for stand-alone township elections in townships with fewer than 500 registered voters, ballot marking machines must be present in every polling place.
Curbside Voting	If you cannot easily leave your vehicle or don't want to, you can ask to have a ballot brought out to you.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.
Voting under guardianship	You have the right to vote if you are under a guardianship, unless a judge has revoked your right to vote.
Replacement ballots	You have the right to a replacement ballot if you make a mistake on your ballot before you cast it.
Voting by mail	<p>The absentee ballot application form is available in multiple formats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online absentee ballot application - Downloadable English, Spanish, Hmong & Somali absentee ballot application <p>To request an application in an alternative format such as Braille, please call 1-877-600-8683</p> <p>In some situations, you may ask an agent to pick up and return an absentee ballot for you. This is called ‘agent delivery.’</p>
Agent Delivery	<p>To qualify for agent delivery, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Live in a nursing home - Assisted living facility - Residential treatment center - Group home - Battered women's shelter - Be hospitalized or unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons or a disability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You must complete a request for agent delivery of absentee ballot form. Give that form and your absentee ballot application to your agent. Have your agent take both forms to the local election office to receive your ballot. - Your agent must be at least 18 years old, have a pre-existing relationship with you and cannot be a candidate. An individual cannot be an agent of more than three voters in an election. Your agent can pick up your ballot starting seven days before the election until 2 p.m. on Election Day. Your agent or someone else you designate must return your ballot to the same elections office by 3 p.m. on Election Day. You can also return your ballot by mail. Election officials must receive your ballot on or before Election Day.

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