

ACCESSIBILITY: Voter Assistance Short Overview

Any voter, whether disabled or not, may request assistance in casting a ballot. Assistance may be rendered for the voter going to and from the voting booth and inside the voting booth. Assistance may also be rendered to persons voting by curbside or onestop absentee ballot.

Who is entitled to voter assistance?

All voters who request assistance.

Who may assist a voter?

If the voter is blind, disabled or illiterate, the voter may ask almost anyone for assistance.

All voters may request assistance from near relatives. Other relatives may assist the voter **ONLY IF** the voter is blind, disabled or illiterate. Near relatives are:

- spouse
- child (including stepchildren and sons- and daughters-in-law)
- parent (including mother- and father-in-law)
- grandparents
- grandchildren

Precinct officials may assist any voter if not specifically prohibited by law from doing so.

Who may NOT assist voters?

Voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer and/or officer or agent of the voter's union.

How does a voter get assistance?

A voter must request assistance, and choose the person from whom they would like assistance. Precinct officials must not suggest that a voter needs assistance.

Responsibilities of persons rendering assistance

Do not try to convince a voter to cast a ballot in any particular way. Voter assistance is given in private, and information about how the voter cast the ballot must not be noted, recorded or shared with anyone. Remain outside of the voting enclosure when not rendering assistance.