



West Virginia Voters with Disabilities

Who May Receive Assistance While Voting?

An individual may receive assistance in voting if he or she is unable to vote on his or her own for the following reasons:

- Blindness
- Disability
- Advanced age
- Inability to read and write

What Type of Assistance May I Receive at the Polling Place?

I have a disability, but I can vote on my own with the right equipment.



After you sign the poll book, you may ask the poll workers to vote privately on an ADA-compliant machine with the following accessibility features:

- An easy touch-screen interface that requires little dexterity
- Braille-embossed navigation buttons
- Audio reading of your ballot

or I have a disability, and I need someone to help me vote my ballot.



A person of your choice or two poll workers of opposing political parties may read your ballot to you, and you will mark your choices.

or

If you are physically unable to mark your ballot, two poll workers of opposing political parties may mark the ballot according to your wishes. No one other than poll workers may mark your ballot for you.



Attention: If you have trouble accessing a polling place, please call the Office of the Secretary of State at 1-866-767-8683 or your County Clerk's Office, so that we may work to make the polling place accessible.

Note: If a poll worker finds that an individual does not qualify to receive assistance, he or she may still vote a provisional ballot at that precinct.

Additional Options

- Curbside voting: if you cannot leave your vehicle to vote, the polling place is not accessible, and no voters are waiting inside the polling place, you may vote from your car.
- Precinct change: if your precinct is not accessible, you may request a transfer of registration to vote in an ADA-compliant precinct. You must submit your request no later than 30 days prior to the election.
- Permanent absentee voting: if you have a permanent disability that prevents you from traveling to your polling place, you may apply to your County Clerk to be added to the special absentee voting list to receive a ballot in the mail for each election - you must have a note from your doctor.
- Regular absentee voting: if you have a disability that prevents you from traveling to your polling place, you may apply to your County Clerk for an absentee ballot before each election - no doctor's note required.