

# Voting With Disabilities

Information For Poll Workers, Volunteers, and People with Disabilities



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The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities has gathered important information and resources for voters with disabilities and poll workers.

This information is not comprehensive but provides a starting point to ensure that all voters with disabilities can cast their ballots in elections.

## Voting With Assistance

If a voter needs assistance at the polls, they can tell a poll worker that they are a voter who needs help to vote. **Voters do not have to provide proof of their disability.** Voters are entitled to receive assistance if they:

- cannot read or write;
- have a physical disability that prevents them from reading or marking the ballot; or
- cannot speak English, or communicate only with sign language, and want assistance in communicating with election officials.

Voters may be assisted by (A) any person the voter chooses who is not a poll worker, (B) two poll workers on Election Day, or (C) one poll worker during early voting.

Voters may not be assisted by their employer or an agent of their employer or union if they are part of one. It is illegal for the person assisting the voter to influence the voter, mark the voter's ballot in a way other than the way they have asked, or tell anyone how the voter voted.

If a voter is physically unable to enter the polling place, they may ask that a poll worker bring a ballot to the entrance of the polling place or to a car parked at the curbside. After the voter marks the ballot, they will give it to the poll worker, who will put it in the ballot box. At the voter's request, a companion may hand the voter a ballot and deposit it.

## New Voting Laws

### Poll Watchers

- Poll watchers **may** observe assistance given to voters by other poll workers and inspect the ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box to determine if it was prepared in accordance with the voter's wishes.
- A poll watcher **may not** be present at the voting station when a voter is preparing their ballot or is being assisted by a person of the voter's choice, including by a person also serving as an interpreter at the voting station.

### In-person Voting

- Persons who assist voters with an in-person ballot must provide their relationship to the voter, address, and mark that they did not receive compensation.
- Persons who assist a voter must sign an oath.

### Curbside Voting

- A person who transports seven people, at the same time, who are not related, must complete and sign a form that asks for the driver's name and address and whether the person is providing assistance properly and without compensation.



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