

# Voter Assistance

Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of physical, visual, hearing impairment, or inability to read or write, may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union.

## Voter Registration

*Wikiwiki Voter Registration and Permanent Absentee Applications* and *Wikiwiki Absentee Applications* are available in Chinese, Ilocano, and Japanese.

Copying, duplicating or otherwise making use of any information provided on registration forms is prohibited. Information provided by the individual on the affidavit for registration is confidential.

Be mindful of the voting rights of the individual. Refrain from explicit or implicit discriminatory or coercive voter registration practices. Both are prohibited.

Completed voter registration forms shall not be collected by the distributing person or organization unless specific authorization is provided by the clerk or chief election officer.

## When Voting by Mail

When assisting a voter, the person rendering assistance must remain nonpartisan and have at least two people of differing political parties present. This eliminates the appearance of any election irregularities while assisting a voter.

- No one may ask a voter to see or look at the contents of his or her ballot or choice of party.
- No one may mark a person's ballot or direct a person in voting without authorization.
- An attempt to vote in the name of the patient without specific authorization is illegal.

If acting as an intermediary to pick up an absentee ballot, a letter of authorization from the registered voter must be obtained and submitted to the Clerk.

## At a Polling Place

All polling places are ADA compliant, and most offer accessible parking. Voters requiring assistance can request services at the Voter Assistance Station at any polling place. Polling places offer the following services:

### Auxiliary Aids Kit

All polling places are equipped with an auxiliary aids kit containing tools to assist voters, such as magnifiers, signature guides, and communication cards for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### Curbside Voting

Voters who are unable to leave their vehicles to vote may use curbside voting services.

### Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting Machines

DRE voting machines ensure privacy and independence, and protect the right of voters with disabilities and voters with limited English proficiency.

The DRE provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including nonvisual access for voters who are blind or visually impaired. It also provides language accessibility in Chinese, Ilocano, and Japanese pursuant to the Voting Rights Act.

### Language Assistance

Oral and/or written assistance are available for voters with difficulty understanding the English language.

## Additional Services

American Sign Language interpreters can be requested within five (5) working days advance notice and only at early walk-in locations.

A taped message with information about voting in Hawaii is available at the Office of Elections and at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Election information is available by contacting the Office of Elections, or by using the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at 711.

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