

## **Voter Assistance in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma voters who have visual or physical disabilities may be able to vote independently and privately with new technology available for use in Federal elections. Contact your local county election board or the State Election Board for more information.

## **Voting Assistant**

Some voters choose to vote with the assistance of another person. The Precinct Officials at your polling place are trained to offer assistance to voters who request it. Assistance is available at all elections for:

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Voters who have physical disabilities and are unable to mark their own ballots.

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Voters who have visual impairment.

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Voters who have physical disabilities or infirmities and are unable to enter the polling place.

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Voters who cannot read.

### **Choosing Your Assistant**

If you need assistance to vote, you may choose anyone you want to help you, as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an agent of your union. You may be assisted by a relative, a friend, or by one of the Precinct Officials at your polling place.

### **Polling Place Accessibility**

Oklahoma election officials are working to locate all polling places in buildings that are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Some voters with physical disabilities still may be unable to enter their polling places, however. These voters may be assisted by two Precinct Officials outside the polling place. This procedure is called “curbside voting.” Call your local county election board for more information.

### **Absentee Voting**

Absentee voting is also a choice for voters with visual or physical disabilities. Any registered voter may request absentee ballots. You don't have to give a reason for voting by absentee ballot.

However, voters who have physical disabilities may give that as a reason for voting by absentee ballot. By stating this reason, you may take advantage of some special conditions that may make absentee voting even easier.

See our section entitled "ABSENTEE VOTING" for more information.

### **Other Assistance for Voters**

If you need help filling out the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form, you may ask a friend or relative to help. The helper must write his/her name and address in the space provided on the application form. If you want to apply for voter registration, but are unable to sign the form or even to make a mark on the form, contact your local county election board or the State Election Board for more information.

The State Election Board has installed a telephone line dedicated for use with a TDD. The TDD number is 405-521-3028. Voters who are deaf or hard-of-hearing are encouraged to call the State Election Board for information and assistance.

If you have any questions, you may call the Election Board's Office at 580-353-1880.

