

# Hoosier Voter Hotline

## **Absentee voting in-person:**

Any otherwise qualified voter can vote absentee-in-person at the county election board or county clerk's office beginning 29 days before the election until noon the day before Election Day.

## **Absentee voting by-traveling board:**

Voters eligible to vote absentee-by-mail under bullets 2 and 6 (see reverse) may also have their ballot delivered to them by a bi-partisan absentee voter board. These voters have until noon the day before the election to apply. The traveling board will deliver the ballot to the voter's place of confinement and provide assistance if requested.

For more information, please visit [www.sos.in.gov](http://www.sos.in.gov) or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683).

## **HAVA Fraud and Accessibility Grievance Procedure and Toll Free Hoosier Voter Hotline**

- A toll free grievance hotline now exists for voters to express concerns about a polling place's accessibility limitations or fraudulent activities on Election Day.
- Voters may report grievances by calling 866-IN-1-VOTE (886-461-8683). HAVA staff will be on hand to answer calls from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM EDT on Election Day and from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on normal business days.
- The grievance form is available on the Secretary of State's web site, [www.sos.in.gov/elections](http://www.sos.in.gov/elections). This form must be written, signed and notarized.
- Voters with disabilities needing assistance regarding accessibility issues may also contact Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) at:
  - 4701 N. Keystone Ave. #222,  
Indianapolis IN 46205  
(toll free) 800-622-4845  
(voice) 317-722-5555  
(tty) 800-838-1131

# Information for Voters with Disabilities



# General Information

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- State law requires that both polling locations and voting systems be accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities, and provide the same access to participation as for other voters.
- All voters have the right to vote privately and independently. No voter may be denied the right to vote because of any mental, physical, or sensory limitation.

## Assisting Voters with Disabilities

### A voter may be assisted in the voting booth ONLY IF:

- The voter has a disability (permanent or temporary) or is unable to read or write the English language; AND
- The voter, before entering the voting booth, requests assistance.

### Who may assist a voter?

- The voter may designate anyone to assist him or her (a relative, or friend). However, a voter may NOT designate the voter's employer or union officer.
- If the voter requests assistance but does not designate someone else to help him or her, two poll workers (one of each major political party) will be available to assist.
- No one who assists a voter may disclose any information about the voter's choices.
- A person providing assistance to a voter (including poll workers) must complete the Affidavit of Voter Assistance at the Polls (PRE-3); before entering the voting booth.

## Accessible Voting Systems

- Accessible voting systems are designed to meet the needs of voters with physical and sensory impairments. Instructions for operating the accessible system(s) will be posted in your polling place.
- Precinct election officials may not leave the polling place with election materials to permit a voter to vote from an automobile. The voter MUST enter the polling place to cast a ballot.

# Absentee Ballots

## Absentee voting by-mail

Voting absentee-by-mail provides alternatives for voters unable to visit the polls on Election Day. Only voters who fit one of the following requirements are eligible to have a ballot sent by mail.

1. The voter has a specific, reasonable expectation that he or she will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 AM to 6 PM).
2. The voter has a disability.
3. The voter is at least 65 years of age.
4. The voter will have official election duties outside of the precinct.
5. The voter is scheduled to work at his or her regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
6. The voter will be confined due to illness or injury or will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
7. The voter is prevented from voting due to a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
8. The voter is a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.

The voter must complete an absentee ballot application and return it to the county election board (county clerk's office) before midnight 8 days before Election Day.

When the county election board receives the voter's application for a mail-in absentee ballot, they will process it and if the application is approved, mail the absentee ballot.

The voter's completed ballot may be returned by mail, by bonded courier company, or in person by the voter, a member of the voter's household, or the person holding the voter's power of attorney.

It is a criminal violation of the election laws for any other person to deliver the voter's voted absentee ballot. Ballots must be received by the county election board in time to be processed for the election.