



## Additional guidance for Individuals with Disabilities to Receive Voting Accommodations & Assistance



- 1) If the disabled voter prefers to vote by mail, someone should fill out this application for them:  
<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/DisabledApplicationForAbsenteeByMailBallot.pdf>
- 2) If the disabled voter prefers to vote in-person with assistance, they can send one of the following to the parish Registrar of Voters along with a copy of their state ID:
  - a) a completed physician's form certifying to the voter's disability;
  - b) a copy of a current mobility impaired identification card issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles; or
  - c) a copy of a current documentation showing eligibility for disability benefits from either social security, veterans, paratransit services, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities or benefits from Louisiana Rehabilitation Services.

\* By sending this information in, the Registrar of Voters will identify them as disabled on the voter register so that they can receive assistance for all elections.

- 3) However, if this information is not sent ahead of time, the disabled voter can still receive assistance by completing a Voter Assistance Form when they go to vote. It will be good to bring a copy of any official documentation of the disability such as those listed above, but this isn't required. With a lot of new poll workers this year, there may be some differences in how polling places respond.

If there are any problems on election day, Disability Rights Louisiana has an Election hotline to help work out any issues: 1-800-960-7705.

### Key Dates for Absentee Ballots (voting by mail):

- Applicants must request a ballot by 4:30 p.m. CST on the 4th day before election day.
- Voted ballots must be received by your parish registrar of voters by 4:30 p.m. CST on the day before election day.

An important caveat for anyone who wants to **vote-by-mail but is also voting for the first time**. From the Secretary of State's site:

- *If you are a new registrant and voting for the first time, you must submit a doctor's letter certifying that you are not able to appear in person to vote. If you do not do this, you must vote in person one time before you can enroll in the Program.*

Please note, there is a **court-ordered COVID absentee ballot** application that some people may be eligible for:

<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/COVID19AbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf>

Also, all voters **age 65 and above are eligible for absentee ballot**. Application here:

<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/GeneralApplicationForAbsenteeByMailBallot.pdf>