



OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

VOTER INFORMATION

FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Voters in hospitals or certain health care facilities may have special opportunities to vote at their facility or via agent delivery. In addition, there are many ways for voters with a range of disabilities to vote privately and independently. State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible. Cities and towns typically choose polling place locations and are responsible for polling place accessibility. All voters can also vote early by mail or in person.

VOTING AT FACILITIES

Local election officials can send teams of election judges to nursing homes and hospitals during the 35 days before the election. Election judges can provide applications and issue ballots to eligible residents of the facility, give help if needed, and will return the voted ballots to the local election official. Facilities that would like to exercise this option should coordinate with their local election officials.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Early voting at local elections starts 46 days before Election Day. Voters can also apply to have an absentee ballot sent in the mail. Voters may also sign up to be on the permanent Absentee List, to receive an absentee ballot in the mail every election.

ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS

Voters can bring anyone to assist while they vote or election judges can also give assistance. Voters cannot get assistance from their employer or their union. The assistant can participate in all parts of the voting process. Assistants cannot influence how a voter marks their ballot if they cannot communicate to the assistant who they would vote for.

SIGN IN ORALLY

Voters have the right to orally confirm who they are and to ask another person to sign if they cannot sign their name.

VOTERS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

Voting while under guardianship is allowed unless a judge specifically has taken away the right to vote in a court order.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINE

Polling places have a machine for voters who may find using a pen difficult while still giving them privacy. The machine is equipped with a screen that displays the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background. It can also read the ballot through headphones. The ballot can be filled using a Braille keypad, touchscreen or sip-and-puff device. The machine will print the completed ballot after the voter makes their choices.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If a voter cannot easily leave a vehicle, the voter can request 'curbside voting' where a ballot can be brought out to the vehicle by election judges. When voting is finished the two election judges, one from each major political party, will bring the ballot inside and put it in the ballot box.

VOUCHING INFORMATION

Voters who need to register on Election Day must provide proof-of-residence. Facility staff can accompany residents of a facility to 'vouch' for them on Election Day as proof-of-residence. A staff person can vouch up to eight eligible voters who are residents of the facility, however staff must prove their employment with election officials.

AGENT DELIVERY

A voter who lives in a nursing home, assisted-living facility, residential treatment center, group home, battered women's shelter, is hospitalized, or is unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons or a disability can request an agent to pick up and return an absentee ballot for them. The agent must be 18, have a pre-existing relationship with the voter, can only be an agent for three voters in an election and must show proper ID when returning a ballot. An agent must bring the completed absentee ballot application and the agent delivery request form to the voter's local election office to receive the ballot. The agent delivery option is only available within 7 days of the election.

2025 VOTING DATES

VOTE EARLY: June 27 – August 11

REGISTER IN ADVANCE: by July 22

PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, August 12

VOTE EARLY: September 19 – November 3

REGISTER IN ADVANCE: by October 14

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 4



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