

Ohio Revised Code

Section 3505.24 Providing assistance to blind, disabled or illiterate electors.

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- (A) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, any elector who declares that the elector, by reason of blindness, disability, or illiteracy, is unable to complete a voter registration, change of residence, or change of name form, to mark a ballot, to complete an application for absent voter's ballots or an identification envelope statement of voter, to complete a provisional ballot affirmation, or to complete any other form prescribed under Title XXXV of the Revised Code may receive assistance in doing so under division (B) of this section. An election official may require an elector to make a declaration of inability under oath before the election official in order for the elector to receive assistance when voting or casting absent voter's ballots in person.
- (B) An elector who is eligible to receive assistance under division (A) of this section may be assisted as follows:
- (1) The elector may be aided by any person of the elector's choice and, if applicable, may be accompanied in the voting booth by that person, provided that none of the following persons may assist an elector under division (B)(1) of this section:
- (a) The elector's employer;
- (b) An agent of the elector's employer;
- (c) An officer or agent of the elector's union;
- (d) A candidate whose name appears on the ballot, except that such a candidate may assist an elector in completing a voter registration, change of residence, or change of name form.
- (2) The elector also may request and receive assistance from two election officials of different political parties.

- (C) Any person providing assistance in the marking of an elector's ballot under this section shall thereafter provide no information in regard to the marking of that ballot.
- (D) Assistance shall not be rendered for causes other than those specified in this section.