



Ohio Revised Code

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

Effective: June 26, 2013

Legislation: Senate Bill 109 (GA 130), Senate Bill 10 (GA 130), Senate Bill 205 (GA 130)

Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, any elector who does both of the following may be accompanied in the voting booth and aided by any person of the elector's choice, other than the elector's employer, an agent of the elector's employer, or an officer or agent of the elector's union, if any:

(A) Appears to vote on the day of an election or appears at the office of the board of elections to cast absent voter's ballots in person; and

(B) Declares to the presiding judge of elections or to the election official who is accepting applications to cast absent voter's ballots in person that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by reason of blindness, disability, or illiteracy.

The elector also may request and receive assistance in the marking of the elector's ballot from two election officials of different political parties. 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.

Any election official may require a declaration of inability to be made by the elector under oath before the election official. Assistance shall not be rendered for causes other than those specified in this section, and no candidate whose name appears on the ballot shall assist any person in marking that person's ballot.

The Legislative Service Commission presents the text of this section as a composite of the section as amended by multiple acts of the General Assembly. This presentation recognizes the principle stated in R.C. 1.52(B) that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation.