



## 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXTENDED 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION PERSUANT TO H.B. 197

1. Extends absentee voting by mail in the March 17, 2020 Primary Election until 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020;
  - Ballots can be returned in-person to their county board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020;
  - Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by April 27, 2020 and received by the board of elections by May 8, 2020.
2. Allows an elector who has not already cast a ballot in the election, and who was registered to vote by the February 18, 2020 deadline, to cast an absentee ballot;
3. Limits in-person voting to April 28, 2020 and makes it available only for individuals with a qualifying disability or who cannot receive mail.

## VOTING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE EXTENDED 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

### TRADITIONAL ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

- Traditional absentee voting by mail is an opportunity for a voter to request, receive, and vote a paper absentee ballot at home.
- To request a traditional paper absentee vote by mail ballot, a voter must submit a written application, to learn more about requesting an absentee ballot visit [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov).

## ACCESSIBLE ABSENTEE VOTING

- Accessible absentee voting is a ballot delivery option that allows a voter with a disability to receive an absentee ballot in an accessible format and on any device.
- The voter can access, read, and mark their ballot both privately and independently using the accessible absentee voting system.
- This system allows the voter to use any necessary assistive technology. After a ballot is marked, it must be printed and returned to the board of elections.
- For more information about Accessible Absentee Voting or to complete an application to receive an accessible absentee ballot, go to [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov) and select the Voters with Disabilities Link.

Applications for absentee ballots shall be received at the office of the county board of elections no later than noon on April 25, 2020. A voter who is confined due to personal illness, disability, or infirmity and who submits an application to their county board of election may be able to have a ballot delivered to their place of confinement. Contact your county board of elections for more details.

## RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Voters can return absentee ballots in-person to their county board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020. Remember, your spouse, child, or close relative may deliver your ballot to the board of elections for you. If you are returning your absentee ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by April 27, 2020 and received by the board of elections by May 8, 2020.

### 1. In-Person Voting

- In-person voting will be available for individuals with disabilities who wish to cast an absentee ballot using a direct recording electronic voting machine or marking device that is accessible for voters with disabilities and those who do not have a home mailing address.
- In-person voting will only be at the board of elections. There will be no polling locations. In-person voting will occur on April 28, 2020, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about voting in the 2020 Primary Election, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website at [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov), or for specific information about accessible voting in Ohio, please contact:

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