Voters with Disabilities Can Vote by Mail Privately and Independently

How RAVBM works

Background:

Vote-by-Mail has become ever more popular in California. However, voters with certain disabilities, for example vision and dexterity disabilities, are not able to vote privately and independently using a paper Vote-by-Mail ballot because they cannot read or mark it. This newly mandated method of access means voters with certain disabilities, such as vision and dexterity disabilities, can now vote privately and independently.

What is Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM)?

RAVBM systems will allow voters with disabilities, many of whom often rely on others to assist them in reading and marking their ballot, to cast their vote privately and independently from home. This IS NOT internet voting.

How do RAVBM systems work?

Generally, a RAVBM system gives a voter with a disability an opportunity to download a ballot, allowing them to read it and mark it using their own assistive technology device. At that point, the voter with a disability has to print out their selections and return them to the County Elections Office. Disability Rights California published a video demonstration of a RAVBM system available on our YouTube channel!

Here is your live link to access your ballot and voter information!

There will also be a Voter Assistance Center in Weaverville at the Trinity County Courthouse. At this location you can obtain a replacement ballot, drop off your voted ballot, register to vote or vote an accessible ballot on a tablet. This center will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday September 11th thru Monday September 13th and 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, September 14th.