

Welcome!

# 2020 Blue Earth County Election Judge Training

## Rules and Processes: Voter Assistance





Objectives:  
*Introduction | Voter Assistance Basics  
Voter Assistance Law Changes | Curbside Voting Intro*

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## Training Plan

 <b>Voter Assistance</b> What is Voter Assistance? 1 min	 <b>Voter Assistance Basics</b> What types of assistance can be provided? 1 min	 <b>Voter Assistance Laws</b> What has changed due to recent court decisions? 1 min	 <b>Voter Assistance Resources</b> Where can I learn more? 1 min
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## Voter Assistance Basics

### Voter Assistance Basics

**Help Every Voter Participate Equally**  
*Don't assume the level of help a voter may need*

**When a voter is getting assistance...**

- Do not influence how a person votes
- Direct questions to the voter, not others with them
- Help only as much as requested
- Two Election Judges of different major parties
  - Needed to mark a ballot according to voter's direction
  - Or do other assistance work related to voting
- Do not reveal the vote
- Do not challenge voter eligibility based on perceived cognitive capability

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## Curbside Voting

### Voter Assistance Basics

**Curbside Voting:**

*The process of voting from a vehicle when a voter is unable to enter the polling place.*

**Curbside Voting**

- Voter requests a ballot be brought to vehicle
- Usually requested by phone call or by curbside voter flagging down another voter to request assistance
- Two judges from different major political parties go out to assist the curbside voter
- Will likely see an uptick in utilization due to COVID-19
- Only Election Judges and Elections Officials can complete this process as part of “voter assistance”

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# Voter Assistance Laws

## Voter Assistance Laws

Changes for 2020 as a result of recent court decision

### Anyone Selected by Voter (including candidate as result of court decision)

Voter can request assistance from others to complete voting processes in the polling place

- In all areas of the polling place, including voting booth
- As of 2020 court decision, there is no longer limits on the number of voters an assister can help with marking ballots
- As of 2020 court decision, a candidate may serve as ballot marking assistant

### Except Employer Rep or Union Rep of Voter

Still prohibited from assisting voter

- State law still prohibits assistance from the employer or union rep of the voter
- Recent court decision did not change this

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# Voter Assistance Resources

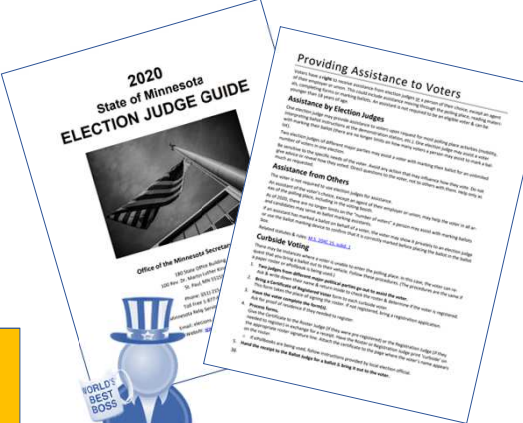
## Voter Assistance Resources


- 2020 Election Judge Guide
  - <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/2090/election-judge-guide.pdf>
- Your Head Judge (and other experienced judges)
- Other tips/tricks sheets provided in the polling place
- This presentation/video
- County elections office phone

### Help Every Voter Participate Equally

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## Voter Assistance Resources





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Thanks...and here's contact info...

Thank You



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