



Mail Ballot Elections

Montana's Centers for Independent Living work to ensure that voters with disabilities have full and adequate access to submit a private ballot and are able to vote as independently as possible. We support HB 130 to conduct elections by mail ballot as long as the following accessibility conditions remain included in the bill:

- Give voters with disabilities the option of an electronic ballot as an option so people with accessible software can receive a ballot via email, which after completed, they print out and send to the clerk's office in an envelope provided by the clerk's office or can complete and submit online at a secured website;
- Set a minimum number of fully accessible staffed places of deposit (kind of like polling places) that will have the AutoMark available for voters to use, in addition to providing the AutoMark at the election office;
- Deliver AutoMarks and replacement ballots to congregate care settings, such as assisted living centers, group homes, etc. upon request;
- Deliver AutoMarks to individual's homes upon request, as long as they have sufficient notice and it is not unduly burdensome to do so;
- Liberalize updating of registration as well as allowing voters, who are deemed inactive when they don't vote in a federal election, to become active after a telephone call or email to the office; and
- The forwarding of ballots so they can follow people who rent who tend to move more frequently.