

49.90 Assisting voter.

Any voter who may declare upon oath that the voter is blind, cannot read the English language, or is, by reason of any physical disability other than intoxication, unable to cast a vote without assistance, shall, upon request, be assisted by the two officers as provided in section 49.89, or alternatively by any other person the voter may select in casting the vote. The officers, or the person selected by the voter, shall cast the vote of the voter requiring assistance, and shall thereafter give no information regarding the vote cast. If any elector because of a disability cannot enter the building where the polling place for the elector's precinct of residence is located, the two officers shall take a paper ballot to the vehicle occupied by the elector with a disability and allow the elector to cast the ballot in the vehicle. If an elector with a disability cannot cast a ballot on a voting machine the elector shall be allowed to cast a paper ballot, which shall be opened immediately after the closing of the polling place by the two precinct election officials designated under section 49.89, who shall register the votes cast thereon on a voting machine in the polling place before the votes cast there are tallied pursuant to section 52.21. To preserve so far as possible the confidentiality of each ballot of an elector with a disability, the two officers shall proceed substantially in the same manner as provided in section 53.24. In precincts where all voters use paper ballots, those cast by voters with disabilities shall be deposited in the regular ballot box and counted in the usual manner.

[C97, § 1118; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **807**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, § 49.90; 81 Acts, ch 34, § 31]

84 Acts, ch 1291, § 9; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §16