

**53.1 Right to vote — conditions.**

1. Any registered voter may, subject to the provisions of [this chapter](#), vote at any election:
  - a. When the voter expects to be absent on election day during the time the polls are open from the precinct in which the voter is a registered voter.
  - b. When, through illness or physical disability, the voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls and voting on election day.
  - c. When the voter expects to be unable to go to the polls and vote on election day.
2. A person who has been designated to have power of attorney by a registered voter does not have authority to request or to cast an absentee ballot on behalf of the registered voter.  
[SS15, §1137-b; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §927; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §53.1]  
[90 Acts, ch 1238, §28](#); [93 Acts, ch 143, §31](#); [94 Acts, ch 1169, §65](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1032, §201](#)