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New York State Board of Elections Releases New Electronic Accessible Ballot Delivery System

ALBANY, N.Y (09/27/2022) – The State Board of Elections, in coordination with Enhanced Voting, has released a new remote accessible vote-by-mail system to better serve voters with print disabilities. The Electronic Accessible Ballot Delivery System allows voters to independently complete their absentee ballot by enabling the voter to mark their ballot on their own personal electronic device. Using the new system, the voter can increase the ballot’s font size, adjust the color contrast, or use screen reader technology to aid in making their ballot selections.

The new system was created by Enhanced Voting, an election technology company that has provided accessible vote-by-mail solutions to many states and jurisdictions including Florida, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Virginia. Enhanced Voting worked with the New York State Board of Elections to design a platform that could be configured with the state’s current absentee request portal.

Voters can apply for an accessible absentee ballot using the accessible ballot request portal which can be found on the Board of Election’s website. Once the voter has completed their application, they will receive an email with instructions on how to retrieve their ballot through the new Electronic Accessible Ballot Delivery System. After the voter completes their ballot, it can be printed and returned.

“The Board’s new Accessible Ballot Delivery System was designed with ample input from the Disability Community and Enhanced Voting. The final product is an easy-to-use, simple platform with stringent security standards to ensure all voters will have equitable access to a private vote.” Said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the New York State Board of Elections.

“In addition to being fully accessible to voters with visual disabilities, the system is also compatible with all major browsers and device sizes including smartphones and tablets. The Accessible Ballot Delivery System will allow voters with print disabilities to complete their absentee ballot independently.” Said Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Director of the New York State Board of Elections.

All voters utilizing the Electronic Accessible Ballot Delivery System will be provided with a return envelope that includes a tactile mark indicating where the voter must sign. Voters requesting an accessible absentee ballot will continue to have the option to print their own oath envelope using the Board provided template and instructions.

Voters with disabilities can visit absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible to request an accessible absentee ballot. All other New York State voters can request an absentee ballot by visiting absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/ and completing the electronic request form.

If you have any questions about the new changes to absentee voting in New York State, please contact the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or by email at INFO@elections.ny.gov.

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