The National Federation of the Blind Affiliate Voter Liaison Toolkit

Introduction

As a result of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the opportunity to cast a private and independent ballot now exists for blind and visually impaired voters in all federal elections. However, untrained poll workers, voting machine malfunctions, and the lack of accessible voting machines in the polling places are preventing some blind and visually impaired voters from fully exercising this right. The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Affiliate Voter Liaison program was created by the NFB to provide our members with tools and resources they can use in working with state and local elections officials to remove the barriers that make elections inaccessible to blind and visually impaired voters. This program was developed under a HAVA training/technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.

Why Work with Elections Officials?

State and local elections officials are generally responsible for the training of poll workers, for the selection of accessible voting machines, and for ensuring that polling places are in compliance with federal and state election law. Developing a relationship with elections officials will result in opportunities for affiliate voting liaisons to provide guidance on the needs of blind and visually impaired voters with regard to the training of poll workers and the selection of accessible voting machines and polling places. Working with elections officials in this capacity can help to remove barriers that have prevented some blind and visually impaired voters from casting a private and independent ballot. Finally, when problems do occur on election day, an established relationship with elections officials may be beneficial in getting a quick resolution.

How to Work with Elections Officials

There are many ways in which affiliate voting liaisons can work with elections officials as an interested citizen. Depending on the level of commitment you are able to make and the type of programs and services offered by your state and/or local boards of elections, you may be able to work with elections officials in the following ways:

* Serving as a poll worker;
* Assisting with the training of poll workers on how to interact with blind voters and how to operate the accessible voting machine;
* Inviting local elections officials to a chapter meeting to demonstrate the accessible voting machine and answer questions about the elections process;
* Inviting state elections officials to your affiliate convention to discuss elections issues that impact blind voters;
* Providing testimony on elections and voting-related legislation;
* Attending public meetings of state and local boards of elections; and
* Serving on an advisory committee.

An Overview of Federal and State Election Law

Current federal law allows for voters with disabilities to receive assistance when voting either from a person of their choosing or from an accessible voting machine. Following are brief summaries of these laws and how they are enforced:

Voting Rights Act of 1965

* 42 U.S.C. §1973aa-6
* Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, except:

1. the voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer
2. officer or agent of the voter's union.

* Law is unclear as to whether there is a private right of action under the Voting Rights Act for failing to allow assistance or intimidating those who use assistance. Enforcement is by the U.S. Attorney General.

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984

* 42 U.S.C. §1973ee, et. seq.
* Requires polling places to be physically accessible for federal elections (except if "emergency" or where "all potential polling places have been surveyed and no such accessible place is available, nor is the political subdivision able to make one temporarily accessible, in the area involved.")
* Requires states to make registration and voting aids available for voters with disabilities and elderly voters.

1. Braille or large print instructions at each registration facility and polling place
2. Telecommunications devices for the deaf
3. No medical certification required to obtain absentee ballot unless the request is for a ballot on a continuing basis, or the deadline to request the ballot has passed

* If polling place is inaccessible, the voter must:

1. be assigned to an accessible polling place, or
2. have an alternative means of casting a ballot (alternative ballot, absentee voting by mail, curbside voting).

* An individual who has been personally aggrieved has a private cause of action.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990--Title II

* 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et. seq.
* Prohibits state and local governments from discriminating against a person with a disability by excluding them from participation in or denying the benefits of services, programs, or activities of a public entity.
* Requires reasonable accommodations and access to programs in the most integrated setting appropriate.
* An individual who has been personally aggrieved has a private cause of action.

Help America Vote Act of 2002

* 42 U.S.C. § 15301 et. seq.
* Applies only to federal elections

1. Requires each polling site have at least one accessible voting system.
2. Requires that people be able to vote both privately and independently.

* Does not provide a private cause of action

1. Establishes an administrative procedure for filing a complaint with the state's chief election officer.
2. The complaint must be in writing, signed and sworn by the person making the complaint, and must be notarized.

State Voting Law

* Varies state by state. Not all states require that each polling place have at least one accessible voting machine for state and local elections.
* Check your state board of elections' Web site or secretary of state's Web site for state law related to voting.

What to Do When Barriers to Voting are Experienced

The goal of the affiliate voting liaison program is to provide voting liaisons with information they can use to establish relationships with elections officials that will help to remove barriers that prevent blind and visually impaired voters from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed by federal and state law. However, when a blind or visually impaired voter is unable to cast a private and independent ballot on an accessible voting machine during a federal election or is denied the assistance of the person of their choosing in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the following steps can be taken:

* The voter should complain to everyone from the poll judge to local and state elections officials, as well as the state protection and advocacy agency (see Appendix A) to try to get the problem resolved before the polls close.
* The voter should contact the Election Protection Coalition, 1-866-OUR-VOTE, to report denials of assistance or inability to cast a private and independent vote on an accessible voting machine during a federal election, or state or local election if an accessible machine is required by state law.
* If the problems are not resolved, the voter should contact their state protection and advocacy agency for assistance in filing a complaint.

A Right Too Precious to Lose

Most Americans take the right to cast a private and independent vote for granted. However, blind and visually impaired Americans were not able to exercise this right until the passage of the Help America Vote Act in 2002. In spite of HAVA, barriers still exist and some blind and visually impaired voters are not able to cast a private and independent ballot. By using the tools and resources provided in the *National Federation of the Blind Affiliate Voting Liaison Toolkit* and through working with state and local elections officials, blind and visually impaired Americans can have a positive influence in removing these remaining barriers.

#### APPENDIX A

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