

# You have the right to assistance in the voting booth



**YOUR VOTING RIGHTS**

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## I'm not comfortable voting by myself. Can I bring someone with me into the voting booth to help me vote?

Yes. You have the right to bring someone into the voting booth to help you. This person can be a friend, relative, or someone else you trust. It only cannot be your boss or a representative of your labor union.

## Did you know?

You can bring a family member, a neighbor – nearly anyone you trust in your community – to help you cast your vote.



## What law gives me this right?

Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) gives every voter the right to bring someone of their choice into the voting booth if they need help voting.

## How do I know if I can benefit from this law?

If your native language is not English and you have difficulty understanding English, you can use this law. You can also use this law if you are blind or do not see well, have a disability, or have trouble reading or writing.

## What do I need to do on Election Day to have someone help me to vote?

Take the person who will help you to the voting place. Tell the election officials that you have chosen this person to help you with voting. You may be required to complete and sign a form that says you have difficulty speaking, reading, writing or understanding English and have asked this person to help you. The person helping you may also be required to sign a form swearing that he or she did not tell you how to vote.

## What should I do if they do not allow me to bring someone with me into the voting booth?

Some election officials do not know about section 208 of the VRA. If you bring someone to help you and an election official does not let them help you, show the election official this flyer. If the election official still does not let that person help you vote, talk to the highest ranking official at the polling place or call our hotline: **1-888-API-VOTE**.



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**1-888-API-VOTE: CALL FOR IN-LANGUAGE HELP ON ELECTION DAY**

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