

reregister--at--the--office--of--any--board--or--with--any--board--of--registry,} WHO IS ELDERLY OR HANDEDICAPPED--shall--be--allowed--to register-or-reregister-by-casting-his-absentee-ballot.

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{a)--If-the-board-determines-that-{a-physically}-AN-ELDERLY OR-handicapped-voter-is-qualified, it-shall-assign-the--voter--to an--election--district,--ward,--or-precinct-whose-polling-place-is structurally-barrier-free-in-order-to--permit--reasonable--access for--the--voter--if--the--voter's--own--polling--place--is--not--so designed. A-person-who-has-qualified-as-{a-physically}-AN-ELDERLY OR-handicapped-voter-entitled-to-vote--at--an--alternate--polling place--shall--be--regarded--as--a--voter--who--is--unable-to-vote personally-at-his-own-polling-place. In--order--to--qualify--for assignment--to--an--alternate--polling--place,--the--voter--shall--apply for-a-change-in-polling-place-on-a-form-prescribed-by--the--State Administrative--Board--of--Election-Laws--no-later-than-the-closing of-registration-for-any--election. {For--the--purposes--of--this section,--"physically--handicapped-voter"--means-any-voter-who-has temporarily-or-permanently-lost-the-use-of-a-leg-or-both-legs--or a--foot--or--both--feet--or--any--combination, who-is-so-severely disabled-as-to-be-unable-to-move--without--the--aid--of--braces, canes,--crutches-or-a-wheelchair, whose-mobility-is-significantly impaired-by-reason-of-heart-or-lung-disease,--who--suffers--from hemophilia,--or--who--is--blind--or-whose-vision-is-substantially impaired.}

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{a)--Any-qualified--ELDERLY--AND--HANDICAPPED--voter--{whose physical--disability--or--confinement--in--or--restriction--to-an institution-prevents-or-will-prevent-him-from-being--present--and personally-voting-at-the-polls-on-any-election-day} shall-also-be entitled--to--vote-as-an-absentee-voter-under-this-subtitle. Such voter-shall-make-application-for-an-absentee-ballot--as--provided in--§-27-4-of-this-article. The-application-shall-be-filed-in-the office-of-the-board-of-supervisors-of-elections--not--later--than the--Tuesday--preceding--any--election. Upon--receipt--of--the application-the-board-shall-mail-to-the-voter-entitled-thereto-an absentee-ballot. In--all--other--respects,--absentee-voting--as provided--for--in--this-section--shall-be-similar-to-and-controlled by-the-applicable-procedure-provided-by-law-for-absentee-voting.

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(a) (1) UPON THE REQUEST OF AN ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED VOTER WHOSE POLLING PLACE IS NOT STRUCTURALLY BARRIER FREE, THE BOARD SHALL EITHER:

(I) ASSIGN [If the board determines that a physically handicapped voter is qualified, it shall assign] the voter to an election district, ward, or precinct whose polling place is structurally barrier free; OR