

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ACCESSIBLE REMOTE BALLOT (ARB) MARKING SYSTEM REQUEST FORM

Election for which ARB is requested: Year _____ PRIMARY GENERAL SPECIAL

VOTER INFORMATION (please print):

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Date of Birth: _____

D.C. Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from residence): _____

D.C. DMV-issued ID Number or SSN4: _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (required): _____

VOTER AFFIRMATION:

- I declare, under penalty of perjury, that: 1) I am a registered voter in the District of Columbia; 2) I will not vote in any other U.S. jurisdiction; 3) I have a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and 4) the information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I request that my ARB be delivered to me at the email address listed above.
- I understand that my mailed ARB must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Board by no later than the tenth day after Election Day, and that an ARB dropped off in a Mail Ballot Drop Box or at a Vote Center must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- I understand that if I receive my ARB and decide to vote in person, I may be required to vote a provisional (special) ballot.
- I understand that if I make any false statements about my qualifications to vote, or vote or try to vote more than once in this election, I may be fined up to \$10,000, jailed for up to five (5) years, or both.
- In order to complete this application:
 - I am providing my signature below;
 - I consent to the use of my signature that is on file either at the DC Board of Elections or at the DC Department of Motor Vehicles as my signature for this form; **or**
 - I am providing a completed **Signature Attestation Form** with this request form.

Voter's signature or other indicator of voter's signature

Date

Questions/Concerns? Please contact the ADA Coordinator at ogc@dcboe.org, (202) 253-1741, or 711 (TTY).

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ACCESSIBLE REMOTE BALLOT FAQ

- 1. What is an Accessible Remote Ballot?** The Accessible Remote Ballot (ARB) is an electronic ballot marking system that allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently. It is compatible with all major screen readers (JAWS etc.), tactile switches, closed captioning, and audio-enabled systems. ARB is not an online voting system. Completed ballots must be printed, placed in the included postage prepaid envelope, and either mailed to the Board of Elections or dropped off in a Mail Ballot Drop Box or at a Vote Center. A voter verified paper ballot is always available for a post-election audit or recount if necessary. **Voted ballots cannot be returned to the Board of Elections via email.**
- 2. How does ARB work?** Upon the receipt of a request to use the ARB Marking System, Board of Elections (DCBOE) staff will email the qualified voter a link to log into the ARB online portal using any smart device or computer. The voter will access and mark their ballot. The voter will then print the voted ballot and return it to the Board of Elections. If the voter receives assistance, they must complete and submit a **Signature Attestation Form** with their voted ballot.
- 3. Is the ARB accessible?** Yes. ARB complies with Section 508 of the ADA and WCAG 2.0.
- 4. Do all voters with disabilities have to vote using the ARB?** No. Voters with disabilities can choose to vote using the traditional mail-in ballot or in-person. (See Q7. below)
- 5. Do I have to have access to a smart device and printer to use the ARB?** Yes. You will need access to a smart device (computer, laptop, tablet, etc.) to mark your ballot. You will also need access to a printer because the voted ballot has to be printed and returned to the Board of Elections.
- 6. How do I return my ARB to the DCBOE?**

You can return your voted ARB in one of the following ways:

 - **By Mail:** Give your Return Ballot Envelope (with your ARB inside) to your local postal carrier, or drop it off in any United States Postal Service (USPS) mailbox or at any post office.
 - o **IMPORTANT:** Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (Tuesday, November 3) and received at the DC Board of Elections (BOE) no later than the 10th day after Election Day. Due to USPS delays, it is recommended that you vote and mail your ballot as soon as possible to make sure it arrives on time.
 - **Place your voted ballot in any 24-hour secure Mail Ballot Drop Box:** New this year, the Board has placed 55 secure Mail Ballot Drop Boxes throughout the District. You can drop off your voted ballot at any time until 8:00 pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3). BOE Staff will collect ballots daily.
 - **At any Vote Center (open during early voting and on Election Day):** **Early Vote Centers** will be open from Tuesday, October 27 through Monday, November 2 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, and **Election Day Vote Centers** will be open on Tuesday, November 3 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. You may drop off your voted ballot at any Vote Center during the dates and times indicated without waiting in the in-person voting lines.
- 7. What are my other voting options?** If you do not want to use the ARB marking system, you can vote using the traditional mail-in ballot or in-person at any **Early Vote Center** (open October 27 - November 2 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm) or **Election Day Vote Center** (open November 3 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm). Designated Vote Centers will also have curbside voting available for voters with disabilities and anyone over 65 years old.
- 8. Will the Board accept an electronic signature?** Yes, electronic signatures will be accepted.
- 9. What happens if my signature on the ARB does not match my signature in the DCBOE voter registration system?** The Registrar of Voters will send the voter an affidavit to "cure" the signature defect.
- 10. Do I have to pay to use the ARB or for postage?** No. Every Registered voter in the District of Columbia will receive a postage prepaid return ballot envelope to return their voted ballot.