

2021 Kansas Statutes

25-2909. Voting by persons requiring assistance; disability, definition of. (a) Any voter unable to mark such person's ballot by reason of temporary illness, disability or lack of proficiency in reading the English language or any voter 65 or more years of age may request assistance in voting.

(b) Upon request as provided in subsection (a), the voter shall be accompanied to the voting booth by a person chosen by the voter or, if no person is chosen, by two members of the election board of different political parties, who shall mark the ballot as such voter directs.

(c) A voter with a disability shall be permitted to vote as provided by law for provisional voters.

(d) A voter with a disability may request that such person's ballot be brought to the entrance to such voting place, or outside the voting place at a location within a radius of 250 feet from the entrance thereof, for the purpose of allowing such voter to vote. Two members of the election board of different political parties shall take a ballot to the voter so requesting and shall remain with such voter while such person votes. In voting places where paper ballots are used, such board members shall deposit such voter's ballot in the ballot box. In voting places where voting machines are used, such voter shall vote on an electronic voting machine or advance voting ballot. Any such ballot, together with objected to and provisional ballots, shall be packaged in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3008, and amendments thereto.

(e) "Disability," with respect to an individual, means:

(1) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual;

(2) a record of such an impairment; or

(3) being regarded as having such an impairment.

Intoxication shall not be regarded as a disability.

History: L. 1968, ch. 406, § 22; L. 1975, ch. 214, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 188, § 2; L. 1983, ch. 121, § 2; L. 1995, ch. 192, § 46; L. 1996, ch. 187, § 17; L. 2004, ch. 93, § 7; July 1.