

ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS

THIS PRESENTATION COVERS THE
CHANGES TO THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS
FORM AND THE PROCEDURE TO USE ON
ELECTION DAY



THE LAW: ACT NO. 317

“THE VOTER, ALONG WITH THE PERSON ASSISTING THE VOTER, SHALL COMPLETE A VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM AND PROVIDE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE VOTER OF THE PERSON, INCLUDING A COMMISSIONER, ASSISTING THE VOTER AND ATTEST WHETHER THE PERSON, OTHER THAN A COMMISSIONER, ASSISTING THE VOTER WAS PAID TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. IF THE VOTER IS NOT MARKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN VOTING IN THE PRECINCT REGISTER, THE VOTER SHALL ATTEST ON THE VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM THAT THE VOTER HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR IS UNABLE TO READ AND REQUIRES ASSISTANCE IN VOTING.”

WHAT HAS CHANGED: THE FORM
AND THE PROCEDURE
AN EXAMPLE FOLLOWS ON THE
NEXT SLIDE

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LET'S BREAK THIS DOWN:

OLD LAW:

A VOTER REQUIRING ASSISTANCE WHO WAS NOT MARKED IN THEIR VOTER RECORD AS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE HAD TO FILL OUT THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS FORM, THE ASSISTANT SHOWED THEIR ID AND THE ASSISTANT WOULD SIGN THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS TAB AND COULD ASSIST THE VOTER. THE VOTER COULD UPDATE VOTER REGISTRATION SO TO AVOID FILLING OUT THE FORM AGAIN.



NEW LAW:

NOW REQUIRES THAT THE VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM MUST ALWAYS BE FILLED OUT BEFORE A VOTER RECEIVES ASSISTANCE ON ELECTION DAY.

THE FORM WILL BE FILLED OUT IN TWO WAYS DEPENDING ON IF THE VOTER HAS INDICATED ON THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION THAT THEY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE (A "Y" IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN).

THE FOLLOWING SLIDES WILL SHOW THE OLD FORM AND THE TWO WAYS THAT THE NEW FORM CAN BE FILLED OUT DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION.

OLD FORM

 **VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM** 

PARISH OF East Baton Rouge PRECINCT 157 REGISTRATION # 18256456

SECTION 1: VOTER'S INFORMATION

I, the undersigned voter, have a physical disability and require assistance to vote.

Voter's Name: John D. [unclear]
(please print)

Voter's Address: 876 [unclear] St. Baton Rouge 70819
(street) (zip code)

Voter's DOB: April 5, 1977 Last four of SSN: 00006

Do you want to change your registration to indicate that you require assistance to vote? Yes

Signature of Voter: John D. [unclear] 10/14/2017

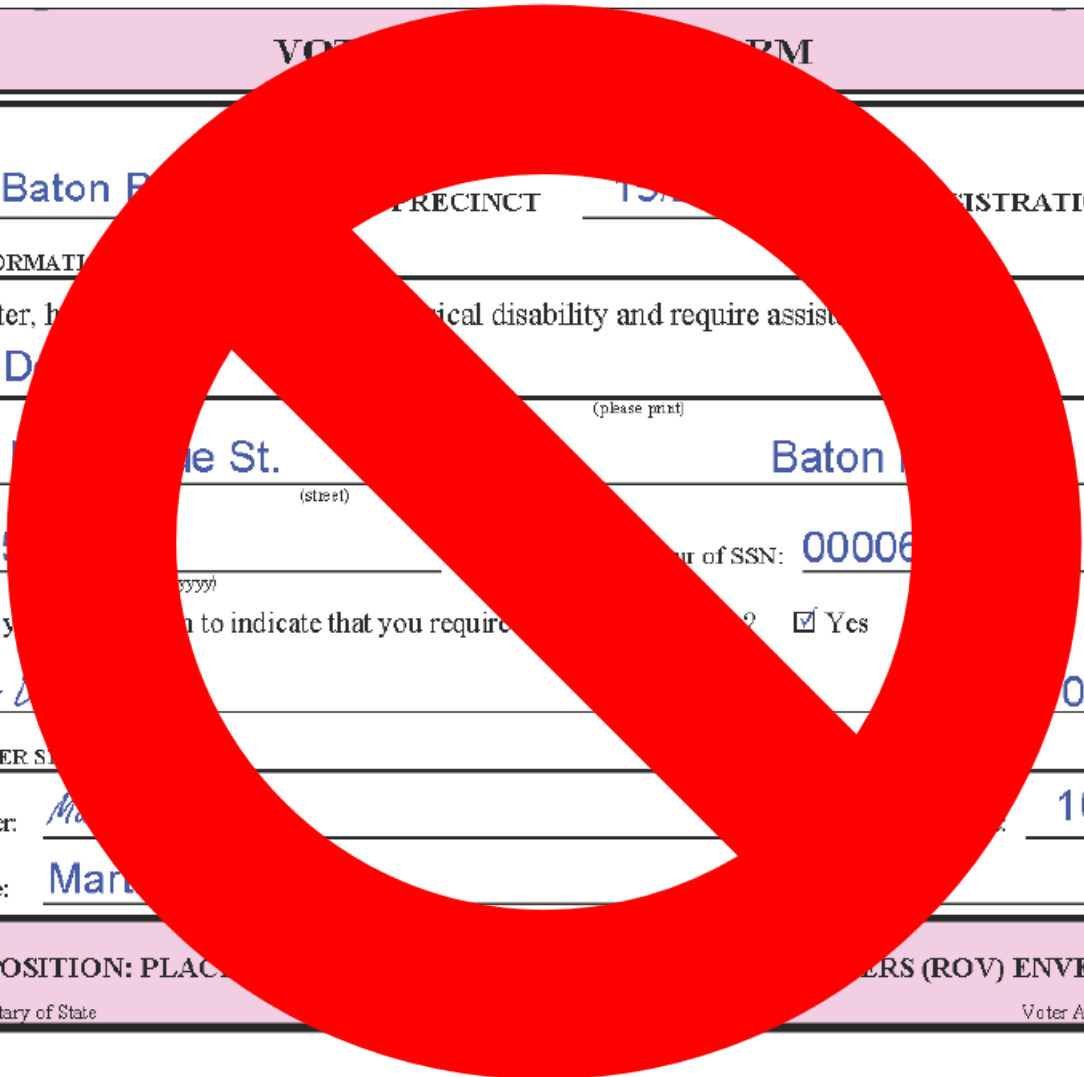
SECTION 2: COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE

Signature of Commissioner: [unclear] 10/14/2017

Print Commissioner Name: Marie [unclear]

DISPOSITION: PLACE THIS FORM IN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE (ROV) ENVELOPE

Prepared and furnished by Secretary of State Voter Assistance Form (VAF) (Rev. 06/19)





VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM



EXAMPLE FOR WHEN THERE IS NO "Y" IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN

EXAMPLE 1

SECTION 1: To be completed by commissioner (print information from the precinct register)

PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

WARD/PRECINCT 02/05 VOTER REGISTRATION # 123456

SECTION 2: To be completed by Assistant

Voter's Name: SUSIE Q. VOTER
(please print)

Assistant's Name: ANNIE A. HELPER
(please print)

Assistant's Address: 123 GREEN ST., THIBODAUX, LA 70301
(street) (city)

Relationship to Voter: NEIGHBOR
(please print)

If you are not a commissioner, are you paid to provide assistance? Yes No

I attest that the information provided by me is true and correct.

Signature of Assistant: *Annie A. Helper* Date: 3/29/2025

SECTION 3: To be completed only if voter is not marked for assistance in the precinct register

I, the undersigned voter, hereby attest that I have a physical disability or I am unable to read and require assistance in voting.

Voter's Address: 125 GREEN ST. THIBODAUX, LA 70301
(street) (city) (zip)

Voter's Date of Birth: 8/25/1940
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Louisiana Driver's License/ID # or last four of Social Security Number: 0059

Do you want to change your registration to indicate that you require assistance in voting? Yes No

Signature or Mark of Voter: *Susie Q. Voter* Date: 3/29/2025

DISPOSITION: PLACE COMPLETED FORM IN REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (ROV) ENVELOPE

FILLED OUT BY THE COMMISSIONER

FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT

FILLED OUT ONLY IF THERE IS NO "Y" IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN



VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM



EXAMPLE 2

SECTION 1: To be completed by commissioner (print information from the precinct register)

PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

WARD/PRECINCT 05/03 VOTER REGISTRATION # 654321

SECTION 2: To be completed by Assistant

Voter's Name: VICTOR A. VOTER
(please print)

Assistant's Name: MANNY A. HELPER
(please print)

Assistant's Address: 654 TREE ST., THIBODAUX, LA 70301
(street) (city) (zip code)

Relationship to Voter: NEPHEW
(please print)

If you are not a commissioner, are you paid to provide assistance? Yes No

I attest that the information provided by me is true and correct.

Signature of Assistant: *Manny A. Helper* Date: 3/29/2025

SECTION 3: To be completed only if voter is not marked for assistance in the precinct register

I, the undersigned voter, hereby attest that I have a physical disability or I am unable to read and require assistance in voting.

Voter's Address: _____
(street) (city)

Voter's Date of Birth: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Louisiana Driver's License/ID # or last four of Social Security Number: _____

Do you want to change your registration to indicate that you require assistance in voting? Yes No

Signature or Mark of Voter: _____ Date: _____

COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSIONER

EXAMPLE FOR WHEN THERE IS A "Y" IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN

COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT

SECTION 3 IS LEFT BLANK BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY MARKED IN THE REGISTER

DISPOSITION: PLACE COMPLETED FORM IN REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (ROV) ENVELOPE

BECAUSE THE ASSISTANT WILL NOW **ALWAYS** FILL THE VOTER ASSISTANCE FORM OUT,
THERE WILL NO LONGER BE AN "ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS" SIGN SHEET AT THE BACK OF
THE PRECINCT REGISTER

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No "Y" in ASST Column for Voter	Print Voter's Name	Signature of Assistant
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POCKET FOLDER

IN THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS TAB, THERE WILL BE A POCKET FOLDER TO STORE THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTER FORMS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU MUST TAKE ALL THE FORMS AND PUT THEM IN THE PINK ROV ENVELOPE

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TO SUMMARIZE:

THIS ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS FORM WILL ALWAYS BE COMPLETED REGARDLESS OF A “Y” IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN IN THE PRECINCT REGISTER

**IF THERE IS ALREADY A “Y” IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN:
THE COMMISSIONER FILLS OUT SECTION 1
THE ASSISTANT FILLS OUT SECTION 2 OF THE
FORM**

**IF THERE IS NO “Y” IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN
SECTION 1: FILLED OUT BY COMMISSIONER
SECTION 2: FILLED OUT BY ASSISTANT
SECTION 3: FILLED OUT BY VOTER/COMMISSIONER**

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QUICK REVIEW:

- 1. THE FORM FOR ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FALL ELECTIONS**
- 2. THE ASSISTANT MUST NOW FILL OUT THEIR INFORMATION ON THE FORM REGARDLESS IF THERE IS A “Y” IN THE ASSISTANCE TO VOTER COLUMN IN THE PRECINCT REGISTER**
- 3. IF THERE IS NO “Y” IN THE ASSISTANCE COLUMN, ALL 3 SECTIONS WILL BE FILLED OUT BY THE APPROPRIATE PARTY**
- 4. THE ASSISTANT TO THE VOTER MUST ALSO SHOW THEIR IDENTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER**
- 5. CALL THE CLERK OF COURT WHEN YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGRADING THIS MATTER ON ELECTION DAYS**

THANK YOU!

WE CANNOT HAVE SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS
WITHOUT YOU!

PLEASE CALL 985-447-5266 IF YOU EVER
HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS
OR ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES
ASK FOR BREANNE OR LOUIE

