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General Comment

The barriers people with disabilities face in voting are,
1. Transportation. Many with disabilities do not have vehicles or assistance in driving to get to the polls. This is why absentee voting is crucial. The process should be simpler to use. There should also be a process for voting online, as long it is secure.
2. Accessible voting sites. Many sites are accessible for those in wheelchairs, however there are some that are still not. They must be made accessible and curbside voting should be made available at every polling place.
3. Trained workers. The volunteers at polling places should be trained on assisting those with disabilities in voting. This is not happening in all cases.

There are definitely privacy issues when someone with a disability needs assistance in voting. If the volunteer is needed, the voting process is usually done in the same room everyone else is voting in, and often someone can easily overhear who someone with a disability is voting for. If someone with a disability needs assistance inside the polling place, this should be done in a separate room. These issues can also be solved by easier absentee voting access and online voting.

The key things that are needed are, an easier method for absentee voting, online voting, making certain all polling places are accessible, and ensuring privacy if someone with disability is voting inside the polling location and needs assistance.