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General Comment

Our secretary of state determined that, because of the pandemic it might be helpful to vote with an absentee ballot. However, there was no private means to fill out such a ballot in our state. The Secretary was trying to set up an accessible system but it seemed unlikely that he would succeed. Most people gave up and either went to the polls or let someone fill out their ballot. I held out and with two weeks left we were offered an accessible ballot with "Democracy Live". Filling out the ballot could be done in private but it was necessary to print the ballot and fill out a secrecy envelope in print. That necessitated sighted assistance. There should be a way to send the ballot electronically.

I am active in the National Federation of the Blind and have learned to expect my right to a private and independent ballot. My citizenship entitles me to such privacy.