

**Subject** Transmission of absentee ballots to voters with a disability

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## Overview

This bill authorizes voters with a temporary or permanent disability to request an absentee ballot and related materials be transmitted to them in an accessible electronic format. The voter would be permitted to mark the ballot using accessible software or devices. The voter would still be required to return the ballot by paper, in a sealed envelope.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Voters with a disability.</b></p> <p>Establishes procedures for the transmission, marking, and return of an absentee ballot when the ballot is transmitted to a voter electronically due to a voter's disability.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Transmitting ballot and certificate of voter eligibility.</b> Authorizes a voter with a temporary or permanent disability to request an absentee ballot and related materials be transmitted electronically. The materials must be provided consistent with the accessibility standards adopted by the state's chief information officer.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Marking ballots.</b> Authorizes a voter to mark an electronically-submitted absentee ballot using accessible software or devices.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Returning voted ballots.</b> Requires a voter receiving an absentee ballot electronically to return the voted ballots and certificate of eligibility in a sealed envelope.</p>
2	<p><b>Procedure.</b></p> <p>Authorizes voters voting in a mail balloting precinct to request that ballots and related materials be transmitted electronically consistent with the authorization established for absentee ballots earlier in this bill.</p>



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