

Voting Procedures

Voting by Mail

In Texas, in order to vote by mail, a voter must have a qualifying reason. A voter may vote early by mail if they:

- will be away from their county on Election Day and during early voting;
- are sick or disabled;
- are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
- are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

One of the grounds for voting by mail is disability. The Election Code defines “disability” to include “a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health.” (Sec. 82.002). If a voter believes they meet this definition, they can submit an application for ballot by mail.

[Application for a Ballot by Mail \(PDF\)](#)

Chapter 102, Late Voting Due to Recent Sickness or Physical Disability

The Election Code authorizes late voting if a voter becomes sick or disabled on or after the day before the last day for submitting an application for a ballot to be voted by mail, and is unable to go to the polling place on Election Day. The voter must designate a representative to submit an application on the voter's behalf in person to the early voting clerk. The application must be received before 5:00 p.m. on Election Day. The application is reviewed and the early voting clerk verifies the applicant's registration status in the same manner as early voting by mail. The early voting clerk must provide the same balloting materials that are used for early voting by mail to the representative who will deliver them to the voter. The voter should mark and seal the ballot in the same manner as voting by mail **including signing** the back flap of the carrier envelope. The ballot must be returned in its carrier envelope to the early voting clerk before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day **by the same representative** who delivered the ballot to the voter.

[Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability \(PDF\)](#)

Curbside Voting

If a voter is physically unable to enter the polling place without assistance or likelihood of injury to his or her health, the voter is eligible for entrance or curbside voting. (Sec. 64.009). This option is available at all Collin County polling locations. To provide for voting curbside, the voter must be qualified by the election officer before the voter can receive the ballot. An election officer will deliver an ExpressTouch voting machine to the voter at the designated curbside voting space. Poll watchers and inspectors must be allowed to accompany the election officer. If the voter is not only physically unable to enter the polling place, but is also eligible for voter assistance in marking his or her ballot, they may receive assistance in marking and completing their ballot in accordance with Chapter 64, Subchapter B of the Election Code. Either two election officers may assist the voter or the voter may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the voter's labor union. Voters that are voting at the curbside, are allowed **the same privacy as a voter in the voting booth**.