

Frequently Asked Questions

Registrars of Voters Conference

Office of the Secretary of the State

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- Sec. 9-261. Process of voting.
 - (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary incapacity, the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or her. The registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such elector. The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the provisions of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence of the election officials in such manner

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- that the election officials shall not know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall place the ballot in the privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark the elector's name on the official voter list as having voted and deliver such ballot and privacy sleeve to the voting tabulator where such ballot shall be placed into the tabulator, by the election official, for counting. The moderator shall record such activity in the moderator's diary.

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- Should not be used just because there are long lines at the polls and someone cannot wait in line (you should provide chairs inside the polling place for that situation).
- Should not be used for a voter with permanent disabilities as that voter should be able to vote inside the polling place, privately and independently. You should not use Sec. 9-261 (b) to avoid the requirements of providing an accessible polling place.
- Not available for Election Day Registration as Sec. 9-261 (b) applies to polling places only (and in that case only for last-minute accessibility issues), but you may provide assistance at the EDR site if requested.

Deputies

- **Sec. 9-192. Deputy registrar. Registrar vacancy. Assistant registrars.**
- 1. Each registrar of voters **immediately** after his election shall appoint **a deputy registrar** of voters to hold office **during his pleasure** and may, at any time, fill any vacancy in said office.
- 2. File with the town clerk a certificate of each such appointment and the town clerk shall record the certificate with the records of town meetings.
- 3. Each deputy registrar of voters shall assist his principal when required, discharge his duties in his absence or inability to act and, **in case of the death, removal or resignation of such principal, shall become registrar of voters and appoint a deputy.**

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- 4. **If a vacancy exists** in the office of registrar of voters in consequence of a refusal or failure to accept the office or **a failure of the registrar to appoint a deputy registrar, the town committee ... shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of some suitable person, who shall belong to the same political party as the registrar of voters who so refused, failed to accept or failed to appoint.**
- 5. Each deputy ...shall be an elector of the municipality in which he is appointed. **Each deputy registrar shall also, at the time of his appointment and during the six months immediately preceding his appointment, be an enrolled member of the same party as the registrar who makes such appointment.**

Certification

- 1. All registrars taking such office on or before July 1, 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for certification not later than July 1, 2017.
- 2. Any registrar taking such office after July 1, 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for certification (A) in the case of a two-year term, not later than the conclusion of such term, and (B) in the case of a four-year term, not later than two years after the date of first holding such office.
- 3. Each municipality shall pay on behalf of such municipality's registrar of voters the cost of completing such program and satisfying such criteria for certification.

Certification

- Sec. 9-190b. Temporary relief of registrar by Secretary of the State; procedure. If a registrar of voters fails to attain or maintain, whichever is applicable, certification required under subsection (a) of section 9-192a...the Secretary may issue a written instruction, pursuant to section 9-3, to such registrar to appear before the Secretary...
- The Secretary shall cite the reasons for such instruction and inform such registrar that such appearance is for the purpose of determining whether to temporarily relieve such registrar of his or her duties as provided in this section.