

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS**  
**DIFFERENT WAYS TO CAST YOUR VOTE**

***Ballot Marking Device (BMD)*** | A BMD is an accessible voting machine that allows individuals to mark their ballot privately and independently. BMDs have a variety of accessible features, such as a paddle device, sip-and-puff, and touch screen to independently mark the ballot. The ballot marking device can also read the ballot through headphones to the voter.

***Absentee Ballot*** | If you are a person with a disability, or the primary caregiver to a person with a disability, you are able to vote by absentee ballot. This allows you to mark your ballot at home and mail it to your local Board of Elections. You can find absentee ballot applications at the New York State Board of Elections website.

***Assistance from a Trusted Person*** | Voters with disabilities may choose a trusted person to assist them with marking their ballot, aside from an employer or agent of the voter's union. Two poll workers from opposite parties may also assist a voter with marking their ballot.

***Independently*** | Many people with disabilities are able to, and choose to, go to the polls to mark and cast their own ballot using a pen and paper ballot.

*For more information, you can contact **Disability Rights New York** at 518.432.7861 or [mail@drny.org](mailto:mail@drny.org)*