

Voter's Choice Act Digest: Vote Center Disability and Language Access Requirements Checklist

See Reference Key attached for abbreviations.

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Check ✓	E- Date	County Timeline	Description	Elections Code
Vote Center Accessibility Requirements for People with Disabilities				
<input type="checkbox"/>			Each VC shall have at least 3 machines accessible to voters with disabilities.	§4005(a)(2)(B)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VCs must comply with the accessibility requirements in the ADA, HAVA & VRA	§4005(a)(4)(C)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must be equitably sited across county to afford maximally convenient options for voters.	§4005(a)(4)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must be established at accessible locations as near as possible to established public transportation routes.	§4005(a)(4)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must be equipped with accessible voting systems to provide equal opportunities to voting access and participation for people with disabilities, including the ability to vote privately and independently.	§4005(a)(4)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>			Vote centers must provide reasonable modifications and auxiliary aids and services as required by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.	§ 4005(a)(6)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>			Voters with disabilities must be able to request and receive a blank VBM ballot and, if necessary, a blank replacement ballot that voters with disabilities can read and mark privately and independently pursuant to HAVA.	§4005(a)(5)
<input type="checkbox"/>			On request, counties need to provide written voting materials in accessible formats as required by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. <i>DRC strongly advises counties to prepare for the requests from voters with disabilities well in advance.</i>	§4005(a)(8)(C)
Vote Center Language Assistance Requirements				§4005(a)(6)(B)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must post information about availability of language assistance in English and all languages covered by federal law and by state law. Assistance must be provided in a manner that enables voters of the applicable language minority groups to participate effectively in the electoral process.	§4005(a)(6)(B)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must post information informing voters of the languages other than English in which language assistance is available from the VC workers. The information must be in English and in the languages other than English in which language assistance is available.	§14200(g)
			VC must post information informing voters of the languages in which facsimile ballots are available. The information must be in English and in the languages other than English in which facsimile ballots are available.	§14201(c)(3)

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<input type="checkbox"/>			VC must provide election materials translated in all languages required in the county under both federal and state law. This means each VC must have (1) all Section 203 translated materials, including but not limited to ballots, required in the county and (2) every facsimile ballot required anywhere in the county under California Elections Code Section 14201.	§4005(a)(6)(C)
<input type="checkbox"/>			If VC is located in or adjacent to a precinct, census tract, or other defined geographical subsection with language requirements then it must be staffed by poll workers who speak the language(s). If not possible then alternate methods of effective language assistance must be provided.	§4005(a)(6)(B)(i)
<input type="checkbox"/>			The EO must solicit public input regarding which VC should have bilingual staff.	§4005(a)(6)(B)(ii)
<input type="checkbox"/>			If VC is identified as needing language assistance through public input process then it must be staffed by poll workers who speak the language(s). If not possible then alternate methods of effective language assistance must be provided.	§4005(a)(6)(B)(i)
<input type="checkbox"/>			VC workers must be trained on the purpose and proper handling of facsimile ballots and must be prepared to inform voters of the existence of facsimile ballots, as needed. VC workers must know that if a voter requests a facsimile ballot, the VC worker must provide the facsimile ballot to the voter (not have the voter find it themselves).	§14201(c)(1), (2)