**National Federation of the Blind of Arizona**

Accessible Mail in and Absentee Voting with Electronic Returns and the Ability to Cast a Secret Ballot

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The National Federation of the Blind of Arizona asks that the Arizona Legislature pass legislation that allows blind and print disabled voters to be able to vote by mail using an accessible electronic ballot with electronic return of ballot.

1. Casting a secret ballot is a cornerstone of our democracy that enables Arizona citizens to vote their conscience without fear.
2. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that voters with disabilities be afforded an opportunity to exercise their right to vote equivalent to the opportunity afforded to voters without disabilities.
3. Currently, blind, low vision, or print disabled voters in Arizona cannot fill in or the return the absentee/mail in ballot without having to get the assistance of a sighted person, thus, denying them the right to cast a private ballot.
4. Several states, including Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, and West Virginia, already have laws that allow voters with disabilities to return their ballots electronically.
5. Arizona may be in violation of Title II of the ADA when it does not provide voters with disabilities the same opportunity to cast a secret ballot that it provides voters without disabilities.

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