**National Federation of the Blind of Arizona**

**Ac**cessible Voting and the Ability to Cast a Secret Ballot

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* Casting a secret ballot is a cornerstone of our democracy that enables Arizona citizens to vote their conscience without fear.
* 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.
* Arizona’s Uniformed and Overseas Citizens and Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) allows military and overseas Arizona voters to register and vote in local, state, and federal elections via a secure online web portal.
* 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.
* The National Federation of the Blind of Arizona asks that the Arizona Legislature pass legislation that allows blind and print disabled voters be included in the use of the Arizona UOCAVA system that will ensure voters with disabilities have the same opportunity to cast a secret ballot as voters without disabilities.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative director, Joanne Gabias at 318-4972782, or by email at [jgabias@saavi.us](mailto:jgabias@saavi.us).

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