

LETTER OF THE LAW

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BELGIUM

Article 147 grants proxy voting to "the voters who are not able, due to illness or infirmity, to go to or to be driven to the polling station. This incapacity must be proven in a medical certificate. The voters can only designate their husband or wife as proxy, or a parent or relative up to the third remove, on condition that the proxy is also a voter."

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BELIZE (1990)

Article 26 states: "If any voter is incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause from voting in the manner prescribed by these rules, the presiding officer shall, at the request of that voter, in the presence of the agents (if any) of the candidates, cause his vote to be marked on a ballot paper in the manner directed by the presiding officer..."



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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (1998)

Article 147 states: "Eligibility for the National Assembly requires the candidate be of 25 years old by the date of the election. They should know how to read, write, and count correctly in one of the two official languages."

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election officer and at his direction, help him in the preparation and marking of his ballot..."

LIBERIA ELECTORAL LAW (1996)

Section 5.8 states: "A voter who is unlettered or physically incapacitated of voting may request an assistance of a helper to mark his ballot in the presence of an election officer...The one assisting the voter shall retire with him in an unoccupied compartment along with an



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TONGA CONSTITUTION (1990)

Section 64 states: "Every Tongan subject of twenty-one years of age or more - being a male or female can read and write and is not insane or imbecile and is not disabled by the twenty-third clause shall be entitled to vote in an election for representatives of the people to the Legislative Assembly."



Ridendo Castigat Mores

"Chastise Manners with a Smile"