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Enhanced Ballot System to Assist Voters

Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Supervisor of Elections, is pleased to announce a new accessible online Vote-by-Mail ballot delivery system for voters with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The new accessible system is called Enhanced Ballot. Enhanced Ballot offers voters with disabilities a chance to mark their choices using a screen reader. The voter would then print their ballot and return in a Vote-by-Mail envelope package that has been mailed to them.

"This is another tool that disabled voters can utilize. Our precinct level tabulators allow voters to vote their ballot privately and independently. By using an external monitor and ADA keyboard, persons who are blind or visually impaired can vote without the assistance of others. It is important that all voters have access to mark their choices on their ballot without assistance from another person and now disabled voters can do that in our Vote-by-Mail process. Currently 28 voters have signed up for this service," stated Supervisor Anderson.

Hernando County voters with disabilities can sign up for Enhanced Ballot by visiting https://www.hernandovotes.gov/Ways-to-Vote/Vote-by-Mail/Request-Vote-By-Mail-Ballot and requesting an accessible Vote-by-Mail ballot. Call the Elections Office at 352.754.4125 with any questions.

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