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Figure 10

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Voting in person is one of the most complex processes in elections, as it is expected to handle as many different voter situations as possible. Regardless of the voter's situation, the desired end result is for the voter to be able to cast a ballot that will count.



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