The Accessible Voting Session

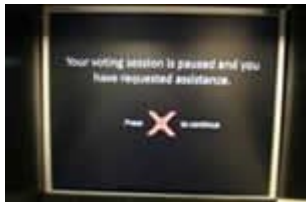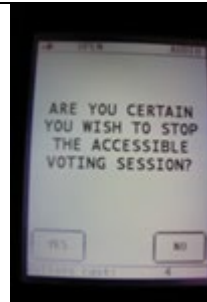| The Accessible Voting Session	
When requested, an Inspector at your polling site will create an Accessible Voting Session for you on the ImageCast BMD.	
Make sure to let the Inspector know what assistance, if any, is preferred. Usually, the Inspector will direct you to a chair in front of the movable display screen. You will then be asked which accessible device you prefer to use. Your choices may include the Audio Tactile Interface, called an ATI, a Sip and Puff, or a paddle device. Once selected, the Inspector will ensure that the device is properly connected to the BMD. At the start of your Accessible Voting Session, the ImageCast BMD provides you with step-by-step instructions on how to use the device and walks you through the process of voting your ballot.	
You are always welcome to ask for assistance, or press the **Help** button when using the ATI.	
You have the option of using the display screen along with your audio session.	
We respect every voter's right to privacy and it is your choice to have the display screen on or off.	
If you do want it turned on, please advise the Inspector at the beginning of your session as it cannot be turned on after the session starts.	

Please note, if you require assistance during your voting session, the Inspector or person assisting you will not be able to see what you are doing if the screen is off.	
In this case, the session may need to be cancelled and a new one initiated.	
At the beginning of your session, you will be able to adjust the display screen Contrast and Zoom settings using your accessible device. You will also be able to change the volume and speed of the audio. Some of the accessible devices do not have the ability to allow you to change your display settings once the voting session begins.	
If it will make your voting experience easier to have either the **Contrast** or **Zoom** adjusted, let the Inspector know as these can be adjusted on the BMD machine for you.	
Also, please be aware that if the audio and visual formats are used at the same time, the visual display does not match the audio word for word. Now that you are ready to begin, the Inspector inserts a blank paper ballot into the slot at the back of the BMD printer unit. Depending on your polling site, your BMD may be programmed for languages other than English. If yours has been programmed, at the start of your audio session, the BMD asks which language you prefer.	
Next, you receive voting instructions.	
If using the display screen, it automatically displays the ballot. As you move through the ballot, contest names and candidate names are highlighted in yellow.	
The audio voice reads the contests and candidates to you and provides instructions on how to select your choices.	

Please note, there might be a slight delay between the time a selection is made and it is registered by the BMD.	
If no selection is made within a certain period of time, the instructions are repeated.	
The accessible session also allows for Write-in candidates.	
At the end of the ballot, you have the option to review your ballot and make any desired changes or to skip the review and proceed to printing it.	
To ensure your voting privacy, the Inspector will attach a privacy sleeve to the printer unit's slot to cover your ballot as it prints.	
It may take as long as two minutes for the ballot to print.	
It is now time to scan your ballot into the Imagecast Ballot Scanner. Your Inspector will provide you with further instructions.	