

Vote By-Mail

The Path Of Your Ballot

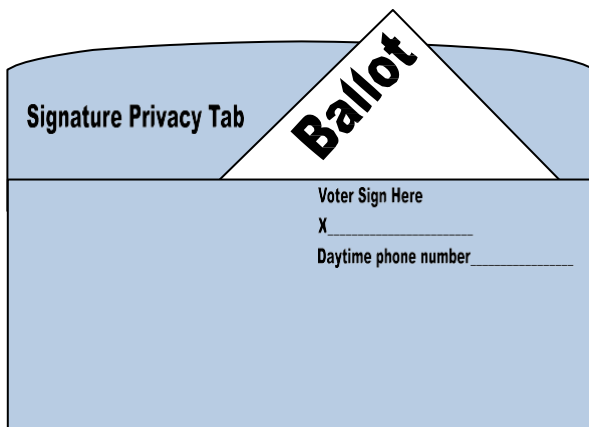
1. When a jurisdiction decides to conduct its elections by mail this is what a voter should expect.

2. Ballot packets will be mailed to registered voters beginning 21-28 days before each election. The ballot packet includes:

- Outer envelope
- Inner return envelope
- Ballot

3. The US Postal Service delivers the ballot packet to each registered voter.

4. The voter makes their selections on the ballot and places the voted ballot in the envelope. The voter signs and seals the envelope and prepares their ballot to be returned.



5. The voter returns their ballot using one of three methods.

1. Through the mail
2. At one of the drop locations
3. At a polling location on Election Day

6. Upon return, the ballot is placed in a batch for processing with other returned ballots. The County Clerk will:

- Scan the barcode on the envelope label, creating a return log and a vote history for the voter, which ensures that only one ballot is returned for each voter.

7. The privacy tab of the envelope is opened revealing the signed affidavit, but maintaining the ballot sealed in the envelope.

Every signature is compared to the signature that is associated with each voter's registration. After the signature is verified, the affidavit is removed from the envelope, making the envelope anonymous.

8. On Election Day, the envelope is opened and the ballot is removed.

9. The ballot is unfolded and prepared for counting.

10. After the ballots are counted results will be released Election Night.