

THE PATH OF A BALLOT



MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS

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60 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION ballots are prepared.



20 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION ballots are mailed to registered voters in Multnomah County.



BALLOTS MAILED BACK to the Elections Division in Southeast Portland can arrive as soon as the next day.



BALLOTS RETURNED TO OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES OR LIBRARY SITES are picked up by teams of two sworn election workers in locked ballot containers.

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BALLOTS SORTED AND SIGNATURE CAPTURED after arriving at the Elections Division. Ballots must have a valid signature to be counted.



SIGNATURES CHECKED BY EMPLOYEES using the same software as the banking industry. Signatures are checked against a copy of the signature you provided when registering to vote.

SIGNATURES THAT DON'T MATCH 100% are reviewed a second time by election workers with years of experience in handwriting forensics.



LETTER SENT TO THE VOTER if the signature doesn't match or if there is no signature at all. You have 21 days after the election to respond and provide a matching signature so you can ensure that your vote counts.

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BALLOTS STORED IN A SECURE LOCATION after they're sorted and checked for valid signatures. Ballots are kept in their sealed envelopes.



AS SOON AS BALLOTS ARE RETURNED, the Elections Division can begin to pre-process and scan the ballots into the ballot counting system.



BALLOTS TABULATED by a ballot counting system that is secured inside an isolated room. It is a stand-alone system that's never connected to the internet or any other network.



50%-60% of the total ballots cast in an election are reported by 8 p.m. on Election Night in Multnomah County.