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# **Mail Ballot Processing**

#### Receive

Ballot envelopes are received through the mail and secure ballot drop boxes.

#### Sort

Ballot envelopes are sorted into batches based on district and other criteria.

# **Signature Review**

The signature on every ballot envelope is reviewed and compared to the signature in a voter's record.

# **Open & Extract**

Ballot envelopes are opened using high-speed envelope openers. Ballots are extracted from the envelopes.

### Replicate

Ballots that are not able to be scanned because of tears and other issues are replicated by bipartisan teams.

### Scan

Ballots are scanned using high-speed scanners that are tested for accuracy before every election.

# Adjudicate

Overvoted and blank ballots, ballots with stray marks, and ballots with write-ins are manually adjudicated.

### Store

Ballots are stored in sealed containers and retained for at least 22 months following each election.





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