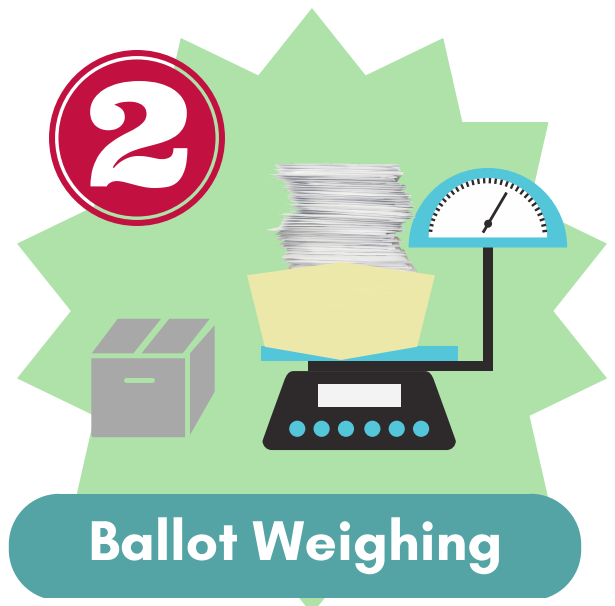


Ballots are collected from the Postal Service, ballot boxes and voting locations around the county for delivery to the Elections Facility.



1
Ballot Collection



2
Ballot Weighing

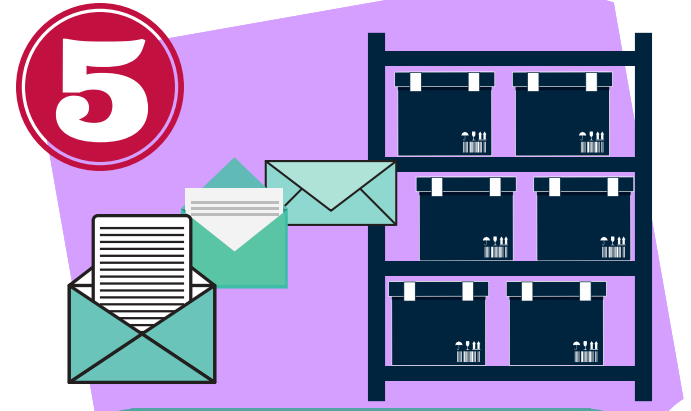
Ballot envelopes are removed from ballot boxes and weighed for an approximate piece count per location.



3
Ballot Sorting

Ballot envelopes pass through the sorting machine for receipt, automatic signature verification and sorting.

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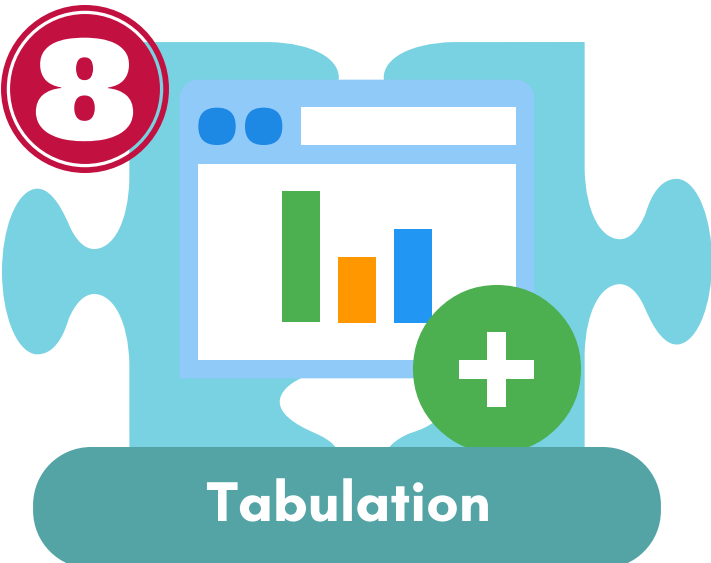
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Ballot Opening

Bipartisan teams remove ballots from the envelope and secrecy sleeve.



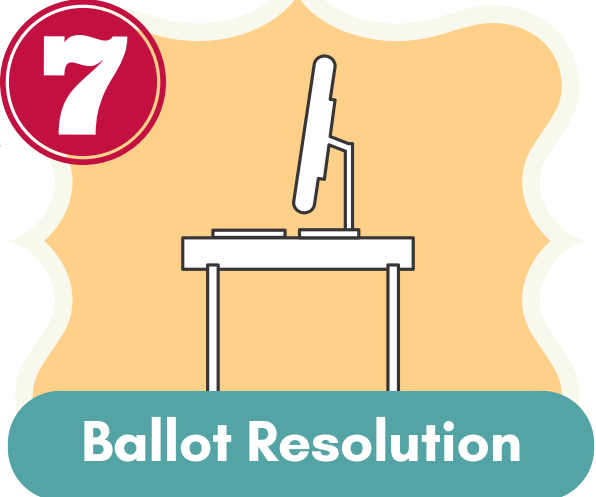
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Signature Verification

Election judges review signatures that were not automatically accepted by the sorting machine, and compare them to the voter registration database.



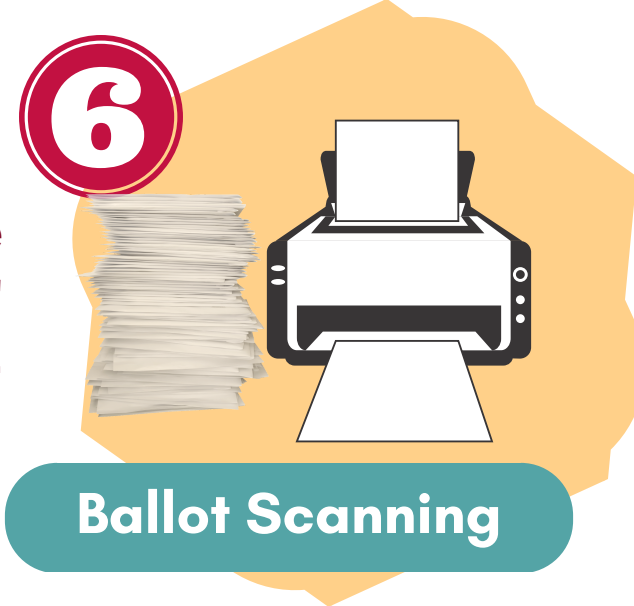
8
Tabulation

Election staff uses software on a secure, non-networked computer to tabulate voters' selections and report results.



7
Ballot Resolution

Bipartisan teams review images of ballots with unclear marks and determine voter intent.



6
Ballot Scanning

Opened ballots are scanned and the voters' selections are recorded.