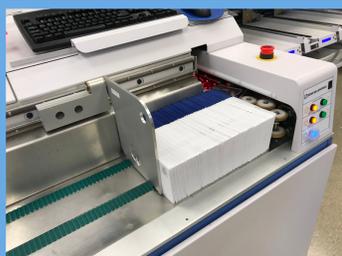




CLERK'S OFFICE

HOW YOUR BALLOT IS PROCESSED



YOUR BALLOT ARRIVES

Once we receive your ballot, the signature on your return envelope is scanned by our mail sorting machine, which sorts up to 30,000 ballot envelopes per hour.

Then, the machine sends the scanned image of your signature to our signature verification team.



YOUR SIGNATURE IS VERIFIED

The signature on your return envelope is compared to your signature on file. If your signatures match, the ballot moves on to opening. If they don't match, we contact you by mail to resolve the issue so we can count your ballot.



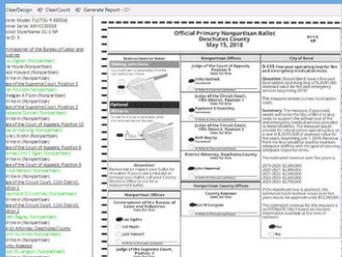
YOUR BALLOT IS OPENED

Once your signature is verified, the secrecy sleeve with your ballot is removed from the return envelope. Then, the ballot is removed from the secrecy sleeve.



YOUR BALLOT IS SCANNED

Your ballot is scanned so that your votes can be counted. If your ballot is damaged or has stray marks or corrections, teams of two workers (each of different political parties) use the Oregon Vote-by-Mail manual to interpret your intent and digitally mark your choices.



YOUR BALLOT IS COUNTED

Once your ballot is scanned, the image is stored on a secure and closed system (not connected to the Internet).



RESULTS ARE POSTED

Results are produced and made public after 8 p.m. on Election Day. No results are known before 8 p.m. on Election Day. Results are posted at www.deschutes.org/electionresults.