Life of a Mail Ballot

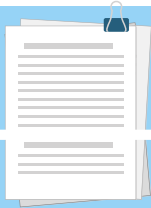OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER
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BALLOT CONTENT
Content submitted by jurisdictions and candidates is certified.

BALLOT PACKET MAILED
22 days before the election ballots start being mailed to active registered voters.

VOTING
Follow instructions, place voted ballot into envelope and sign.

BALLOT SORTING
Envelopes are date stamped, weighed and the signature scanned.

BALLOT PICK UP
Bipartisan teams of election judges secure & transport ballots to Elections Office.

RETURN BALLOT
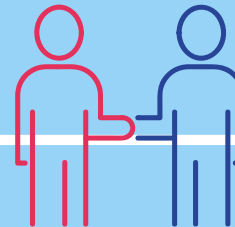Secure 24-hour ballot drop boxes at convenient locations.

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION
Ballots with signatures that match voter record proceed. If not verified voter is notified they must resolve discrepancy for ballot to proceed.
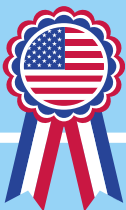
ENVELOPE OPENING
Ballots are removed from envelope maintaining secrecy and prepared for counting.

COUNTING & DUPLICATION
During counting ballots damaged or with unclear marks are reviewed by bipartisan teams and adjudicated.

AUDIT/CERTIFICATION
Bipartisan judges audit and certify the election results as official. Voted ballots are stored 25 months.

8 DAYS POST ELECTION
Voters with ballot discrepancies must "cure" the issue. Military/overseas voters also have this time to return ballots.

BALLOT RESULTS
Tabulations are kept on a secure network. First unofficial results are released at 7 p.m. Election Night.