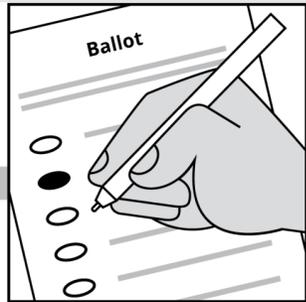




# Election Processing in Yamhill County

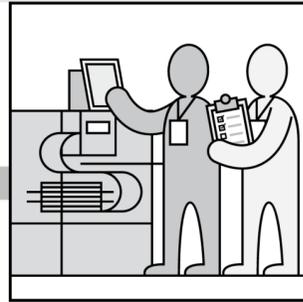
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[yamhillcounty.gov](http://yamhillcounty.gov)



## Step 1. Ballot Content Certified and Ballots Created E-60

The election cycle begins when ballot content is certified, and the election is created. Ballots are created by Yamhill County Elections, proofed, and then securely printed. Once printed, they are securely prepared and mailed to each eligible voter for that election.

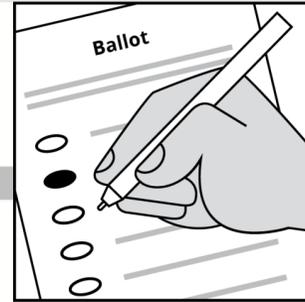
ORS 247.012, ORS 253.065



## Step 2. Election Equipment Testing

We use election equipment that meets State and Federal standards. We conduct a logic and accuracy test to ensure our election equipment is tallying votes accurately before and after each election.

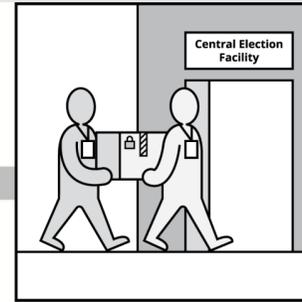
ORS 254.235



## Step 3. Ballots are Mailed E-20

All registered voters are mailed a ballot packet containing their ballot and a postage-paid return envelope that has a printed security weave on the inside protecting your privacy and the secrecy of your vote.

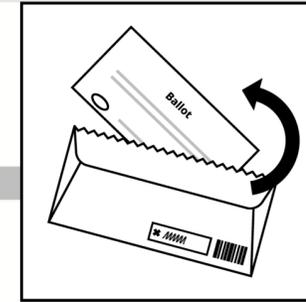
ORS 253.545, 254.400, 254.470



## Step 4. Ballot Collection

Voters can return their voted ballot by mail or at one of our Official Ballot Drop Sites conveniently located throughout Yamhill County.

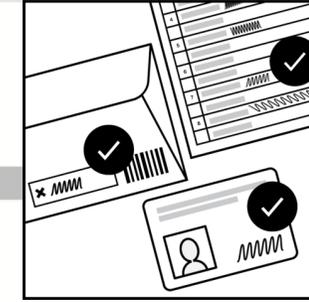
ORS 254.470(6)(b)



## Step 5. Verify Voter Eligibility

Upon receipt of your ballot, our ballot envelope scanner scans an image of your signature. Trained elections staff verify your envelope signature by comparing it to your signature on file in the voter registration database.

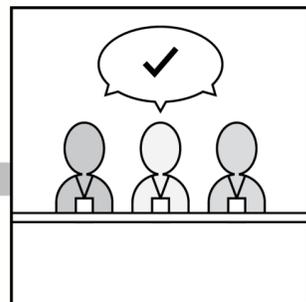
ORS 247.012, 247.019, 247.02, 254.470



## Step 6. Signature Verification

If your signature matches, your ballot envelope is opened and prepared for tallying. If the signature does not match, the ballot signature is rejected, and a letter is sent to the voter. Ballots with signature issues must be "cured", meaning a response from the voter is required, no later than 21 days after the election.

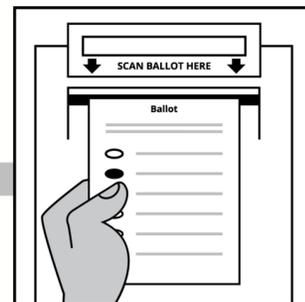
ORS 254.478, 254.426, 254.431



## Step 7. Ballot Deconstruction

Ballots are prepared for scanning by teams of bi-partisan election workers who open each ballot envelope. Ballots are removed from their envelope, inspected for damage or tears and stray or machine un-readable marks. Empty ballot return envelopes are separated from the ballots to ensure voter privacy and secrecy of their vote.

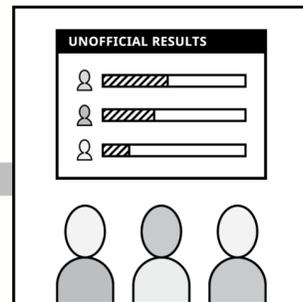
ORS 254.476, 254.478



## Step 8. Ballot Scanning & Adjudication

After ballots are deconstructed, teams of bi-partisan election workers scan the ballots into the vote tally system. Each team reviews ballots for undervotes, overvotes, and blank contests to verify voter intent and ensure accurate tabulation. Our federally and state certified tally system is secure, never connected to the internet.

ORS 254.485, 254.500

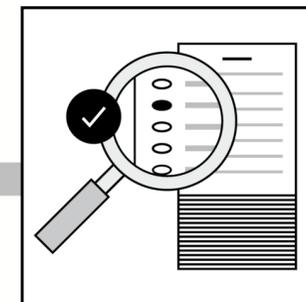


## Step 9. Unofficial Results

We begin publishing unofficial results after 8pm on Election day. Results are unofficial until after all ballot return deadlines have passed and after we have tallied every valid ballot received.

ORS 254.545, OAR 165-007-0550(9)

Find unofficial results on:  
[Yamhillcounty.gov/1046/Election-Results](http://Yamhillcounty.gov/1046/Election-Results)

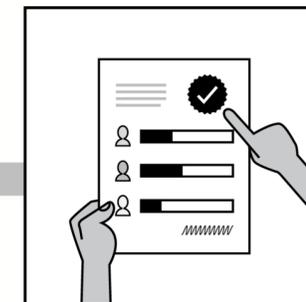


## Step 10. Certification of Official Results E+27

After all ballot return deadlines have passed and after every valid ballot has been tallied official election results are reviewed and verified before being certified by the county and state.

ORS 254.545(3)

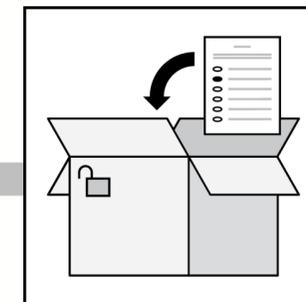
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## Step 11. Post-Election Audits and Logic & Accuracy Test

Audits and Logic & Accuracy Tests are a normal check and balance of each election. These tests are conducted to confirm election equipment accurately interpreted and tallied ballots. This ensures that the outcome of the election reflects how voters voted, and election workers followed procedures.

ORS 254.529



## Step 12. Ballot Storage

We securely store all paper ballots and other records as part of the official record according to state retention laws. Ballots are stored in a secure location with 24/7 surveillance.

OAR 166-150-0035(14)(a)