



MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BALLOT-BY-MAIL ELECTIONS

State law allows cities, towns, school districts and special districts to hold ballot-by-mail elections. All eligible voters will receive a ballot in the mail even if they are not signed up to receive ballots in the mail. Voters have the option to return their ballot by mail, drop it off at a secure ballot drop box or voting location, request a replacement ballot or vote in person. Learn more below!

ALLOWED BY LAW



AUTHORIZED LOCALLY

Allowed for by law, your city, town or school district can call for a special election conducted by mail. (A.R.S. §§ 16-409 and 16-558)



OCCURS ROUTINELY

Ballot-by-mail elections may occur up to four times per year in odd-numbered years (March, May, August and November), and in the spring during even-numbered years. Arizona's primary, general and other federal elections are excluded from that statute. (A.R.S. §§ 16-201 to 16-250)



ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS SENT A BALLOT

The law requires that during a ballot-by-mail election, all eligible voters must be sent a ballot in the mail. (A.R.S. § 16-558.01)

ENVELOPE SIGNATURES

VERIFIED. REVIEWED. CHECKED.

Only eligible voters will receive a ballot in the mail. All ballot affidavit envelopes require a signature that is checked against a known signature on the official voter registration file. The Elections Department has strong internal controls and tracking methods for ballot security. Only verified ballots are counted, but we report all uncounted ballots.

100%

VERIFIED

All mail-in ballot signatures are reviewed by trained staff.



REVIEWED

100% manager review of all questioned signatures or blank envelopes.



DOUBLE CHECKED

A 2% daily audit of all confirmed signatures before any ballot is counted.

WAYS TO VOTE



MAIL IT BACK

If mailing within the U.S., return your signed and sealed envelope and ballot in the mail at least a week before Election Day. **Postmarks do not count!**



DROP IT OFF

Drop off your signed and sealed envelope and ballot at any voting location or ballot drop box no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. Visit Locations.Maricopa.Vote to find one near you.



GET A REPLACEMENT BALLOT

Call us at (602) 506-1511 no later than 5 p.m. the 2nd Friday before Election Day to get a new ballot in the mail or visit any voting location no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.



VOTE IN PERSON

Visit any voting location no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day to vote a ballot in person. Find locations and hours at Locations.Maricopa.Vote.