

A ballot has been delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or deposited in a ballot drop box for processing at the Central Counting Place.

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**Sorting  
(1st Pass)**

Ballots are fed through a mail ballot envelope sorting machine. They are checked in, a picture of the voter's signature and envelope is taken and attached to the voter's record, and the voter's signature is run through automatic signature verification software. These ballots are then taken to secure storage while being inspected during **Manual Signature Verification**.

### #1a - Automatic Signature Verification

During first pass sorting, ballots are ran through Automatic Signature Verification, a software that is used to compare the signature on the mail ballot envelope to the voter's default reference signature on their voter registration record.

At this time, each signature is assigned with a confidence score.

- If the signature's confidence score meets or exceeds the pre-defined verification threshold, the ballot will be automatically accepted and proceed to **Sorting (2nd pass)**.
- If the signature's confidence score falls below that threshold, the ballot is sent to **Manual Signature Verification**.

### #2 - Manual Signature Verification

A bipartisan team reviews the signature signed on the outside of the envelope and compares it to all available signatures within the voter's registration record. If there is not a matching signature the ballot is then marked as "Challenged".



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**Sorting  
(2nd Pass)**

Once mail ballot envelopes have been signature verified, ballots will be fed through the mail ballot envelope sorting machine to be further sorted into their individual precincts. Challenged ballots are filtered out and sent to **Signature Curing**.

### #3a - Signature Curing

Challenged ballots remain unopened and are removed from the process, and correspondence is sent to the voter to be cured. During the curing process, the voter is asked to confirm their identity through various proofs of identification. If cured, the ballot returns to the process in **Batching**. If the mail ballot is uncured, it will remain unopened.

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**Batching**

Verified mail ballot envelopes are organized by individual precincts into batches. Mail ballot envelopes will remain in these batches throughout their remaining life. These organized batches of envelopes will then be processed in **Extraction**.

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**Extraction**

**(Begins 15 days before Election Day)**

Verified mail ballot envelopes are run through mail ballot extraction machines and the ballot is separated from the envelope.

### #5b - Counting Board

After a mail ballot is separated from the envelope, the bipartisan Counting Board members examine the ballot for damage or identifying marks and prepare ballots for **Scanning**. The envelopes are kept separately for storage. Damaged ballots are sent to **Duplication**.



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**Duplication**

Before a damaged ballot can be scanned, the recreation of this ballot must occur. A bipartisan team will physically adjudicate the ballot and review the votes as marked to ensure all the voter's choices from the damaged ballot are transferred correctly to a new scannable ballot.

The original ballot is sealed in an envelope and kept separately in storage while the newly duplicated ballot returns to the **Scanning** process.

*All UOCAVA ballots provided by email and EASE (Effective Absentee System for Elections) are required to be duplicated prior to moving to Scanning.*



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**Scanning**

Ballots are fed through a scanner where each vote is digitized and simultaneously imprinted with its unique batch information. This digital vote will not be tallied until **Tabulation**.

A ballot with stray marks or unclear voter intent must be reviewed in **Digital Adjudication** before the vote can be tabulated.

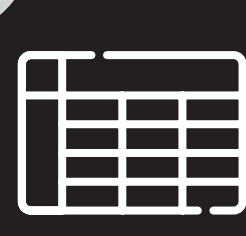
A ballot that is unable to be scanned must return to the **Duplication** process to be remade and then returns to **Scanning**.

### #7a - Digital Adjudication

A bipartisan team will review the ballot to determine voter intent based on statutory requirements. When clear voter intent is established, the digital ballot will be adjudicated and then counted during **Tabulation**.



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**Tabulation**

On Election Day, when every vote center has closed across Nevada, all scanned ballots are electronically tallied alongside in-person votes. These counts are sent to the Secretary of State's office and results are released via the **Results Reporting** process.

*Provisional ballots are not included in Election Day votes and are tabulated if cured by 5PM on the following Friday after Election Day.*

### Results Reporting

On Election night when the Secretary of State's Office approves the release of election results, the first set of results will contain all validly cast mail ballots and in-person early voting totals. The second and subsequent results released on election night will contain in-person Election Day votes and any mail ballots processed during election day. After Election Day, ongoing results will be posted daily until the Canvass of the Vote.