

Voting by Provisional Ballot

What is a Provisional Ballot

A [Provisional Ballot](#) is a paper ballot provided to a voter upon request in person, at a polling place, on Election Day. Official Poll Workers should never turn away a voter without offering the option of voting on a provisional ballot.

When to Vote by Provisional Ballot

- If you applied to vote by mail and are unable to return your mailed ballot to your county board of elections office by 8pm on Election Day
- If you believe you are a duly-registered Pennsylvania voter, but do not appear on the poll books at that polling place - whether it is your correct polling location or not.
- If you are voting at a polling place for the first time and don't have an approved form of ID (photo or non-photo)
- In the event that someone challenges your right to vote and you do not produce a witness affirming your identity

How to Vote by Provisional Ballot

- **Request** the ballot and ballot instructions from an Official Poll Worker who must provide: the ballot; a secrecy envelope; an outer provisional ballot envelope; and a private, accessible place to mark the ballot
- **Mark** the ballot according to the instructions of the polling place and **sign** the affirmation on the reverse side of the ballot
- **Insert** the completed ballot into the secrecy envelope and **seal** the inner envelope
- **Insert** the secrecy envelope with the completed ballot into the outer provisional ballot envelope, **seal, complete** and **sign** the voter declaration on the outer envelope and **return** it to the Official Poll Worker
- **Request** and **keep** your provisional ballot identification receipt, which you can use to verify if your vote was counted by either using the online tracker at

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VotesPA.com/Provisional or calling your county board of election office within 7 days after the election.

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