



Provisional Voting

“Three sigs and then the ballot”

Provisional voting exists in California for two fundamental reasons:

First, provisional voting ensures that no properly registered voter is denied their right to cast a ballot if that voter's name is not on the polling site roster due to a clerical, processing, computer, or other oversight.

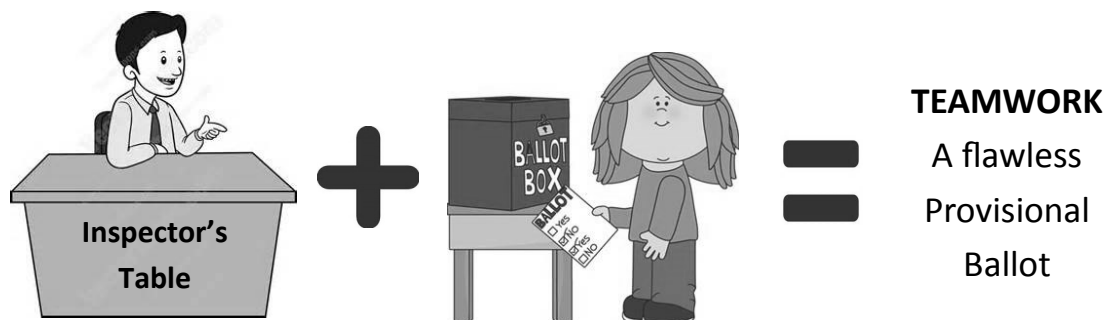
Second, provisional voting allows elections officials to ensure that no voter votes twice, either intentionally or inadvertently, in a given election.

The most common **circumstances** that you will request a voter to cast a provisional ballot are:

- Vote-by-mail voters who do not have a ballot to surrender.
- Voters who have moved within their county without re-registering to vote.
- Voters who are not on the polling site roster for an unknown reason.
- First-time voters without identification.

Issue a provisional ballot for the following reasons:

- The voter is listed in the active roster as a vote-by-mail voter and did not bring the ballot to surrender at the polling site.
- The voter's name is not listed on the active roster.
- The voter is not voting in their assigned precinct.
- The voter moved within the county, but did not re-register to vote.
- The voter's eligibility to vote cannot otherwise be determined.



How to make sure provisional ballots count?

Follow the **“three sigs and then the ballot”** mantra.



1. Voter signs registration form

- Have the voter complete and sign a voter registration card.
- Place completed registration card in the pocket on the outside of the provisional envelope.
- Exception - VBM voters who do not have their ballot to surrender, do not need to complete a voter registration card.

2. Voter signs the envelope

- Have the voter sign and complete the voter declaration.
- You fill out the top of the envelope.
- You fill out the left side of the envelope and write notes in the comment section of the provisional

3. Voter signs the provisional roster

- The provisional voter signs the provisional roster.
- **Now you give the voter a ballot.**
- After voting, the ballot drop off clerk, tears off stub from the back of the envelope and gives it to the voter.

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