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SHOW PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THE LOVE THEY DESERVE!

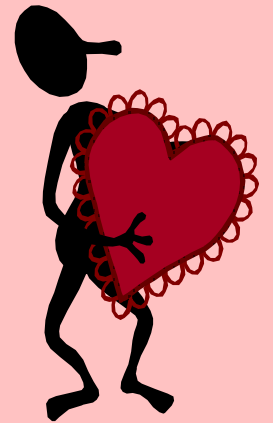
Did you know that the provisional ballot was invented in California? California's provisional voting statutes have been in effect since 1984. The rest of the country was progressively starting to allow provisional voting; however, provisional voting became a federal law and was used nation-wide starting in 2004 after the Help America Vote Act of 2002 .

We all have a love/hate relationship with provisional voting. We love it because it helps us to count more votes. We hate it because it is a time consuming, complex process both on Election Day at the polling place, and after Election Day during our canvass procedures.

What situations cause voters to vote provisionally? If you, as a poll worker cannot determine the voter's eligibility to vote, give the voter the option to vote provisionally. This ensures that you do not deny any properly registered voter the right to vote. It also allows us as election officials to ensure that no voter has voted twice.

These are the most common reasons to issue a provisional ballot:

- ♥ The voter's name is not on the roster for an unknown reason.
- ♥ The voter no longer lives in their registered voting precinct.
- ♥ A vote-by-mail voter who does not have their ballot to surrender.



There is no exception for a VBM voter without a ballot to surrender regardless of the voter's story, or a poll worker's relationship with the voter.

Here are some common, but sometimes confusing situations where a voter can be issued a regular ballot.

- ♥ The voter has changed their name, and is still registered at their current address.
- ♥ The voter has moved to an address that is located in their current voting precinct.
- ♥ The voter is not on the roster, but has a yellow voter notification card that shows the correct voting precinct.

"When in doubt provisional out." One of your main jobs as a clerk, assistant inspector, or inspector is to ensure that the voters that come into your precinct leave with a feeling that their vote matters!

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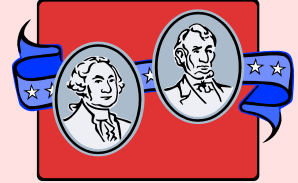
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In honor of President's Day, Presidential Trivia!

Match the President with his pet:

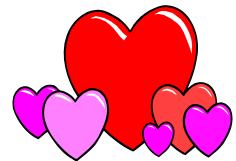
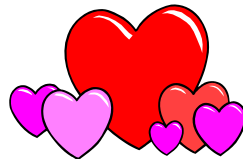
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| 1. John Quincy Adams | a. Elephant |
| 2. Theodore Roosevelt | b. Zebra |
| 3. Calvin Coolidge | c. Bears |
| 4. James Buchanan | d. Alligator |
| 5. Thomas Jefferson | e. A menagerie: dogs, canaries, a donkey, a goose, a bobcat, and raccoons |
| 6. What U.S. President was also a licensed bartender? | |
| a. Clinton | b. Lincoln |
| c. Kennedy | d. Washington |



Answers: 1.d 2.b 3.e 4.a 5.c 6.b

When a voter moves do they have to complete a new voter registration card?

Yes. It is the responsibility of the voter to notify us when they move. The most efficient way for them to do that is complete a new voter registration card. Voters are often unaware that they **must** re-register to vote, even if they just change apartments at the same address.



H♥w to Make Sure Provisional Ballots C♥unt

- ♥ If required, have the voter complete a voter registration card.
- ♥ Place completed registration card in the pocket on the outside of the provisional envelope.
- ♥ Confirm each voter fully completes and signs the provisional envelope.
- ♥ Confirm the voter signs provisional roster.
- ♥ Make sure voter only signs one roster (THINK PINK.)
- ♥ Write notes in the comment section of provisional envelope.
- ♥ Issue a ballot; using the provisional envelope as the secrecy sleeve.