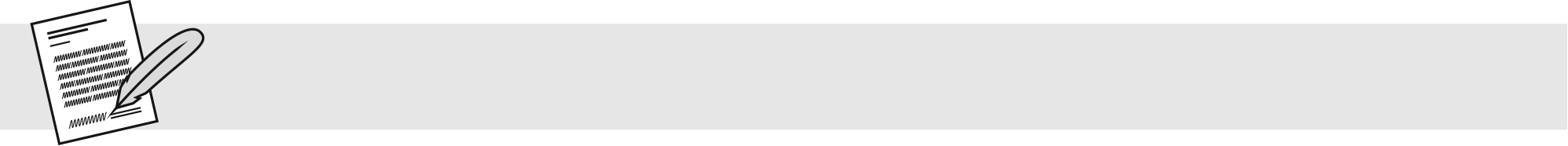
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*  Voter Bill of Rights

**You have the following rights:**

1. **The right to vote** **if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:

a U.S. citizen living in California registered where you currently live

at least 18 years old not in prison or on parole for a felony

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if election officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
2. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
3. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
4. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

**Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot, or

**Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or

**Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.

1. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
2. **The right to turn in your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
3. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
4. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
5. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or to the Secretary of State’s office.

 On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

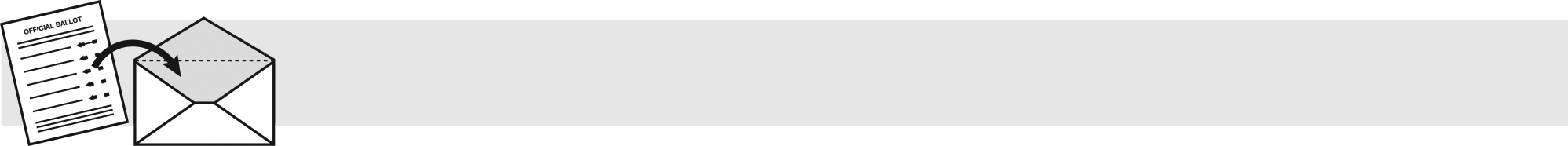
 By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**

 By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:sos.info@california.gov)

**If you believe you have been denied any of these rights**, call the Secretary of State’s confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

3 ways to vote

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| **Vote by mail** | Vote by mail Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **October ##.**  Return it by mail, deliver it to the Registrar of Voters office, or drop it off at any polling place on Election Day.  Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked or delivered to a polling place by **November 8**  For more details, see **page 4.** |
| **Vote early in person** | Vote early in person You may vote early at two locations  **October # - November 8**  **Location**  Address Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm  **Location**  Address Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm  Both locations will also be open Saturday and Sunday, November 1-2, 9am to 5pm |
| **Vote at the polls in person** | Vote at the polls in person Polls are open on Election Day:  **November 8, from 7am to 8pm**  The location of your polling place is on the back cover of this guide. Or, you can look up your polling place:   * On the web: www.yoursite * Call the Elections Office at ###-###-####   For more details, see **page 5 and 6**. |

*  How to vote by mail

## You can vote by mail before Election Day

To vote by mail, you have to request a ballot. Then you can mark the ballot and send it back or drop it off at any polling place. You can vote by mail for this election only, or for all future elections.

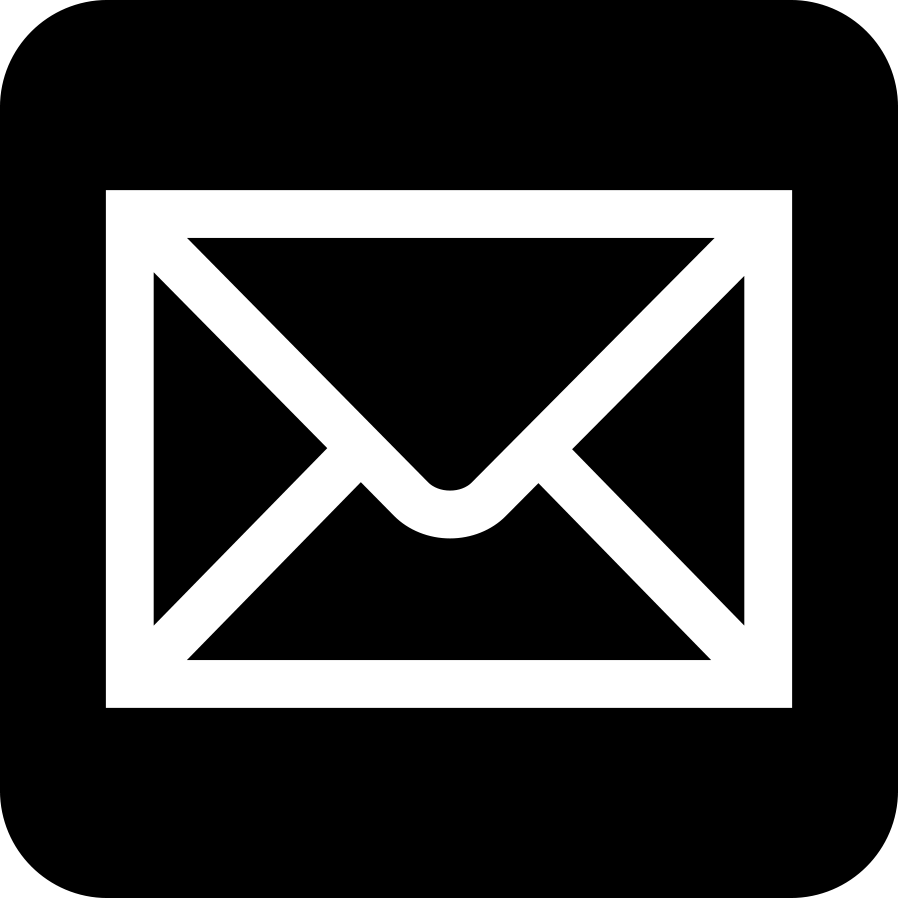
## Mark your ballot, sign the envelope, mail the ballot Or, take the ballot to a drop-box

## How to get your vote-by-mail ballot

You must request a vote-by-mail ballot by November 1.

You can:

 Request a ballot at www.yoursite

 Use the application on the back of this booklet, and send it to:

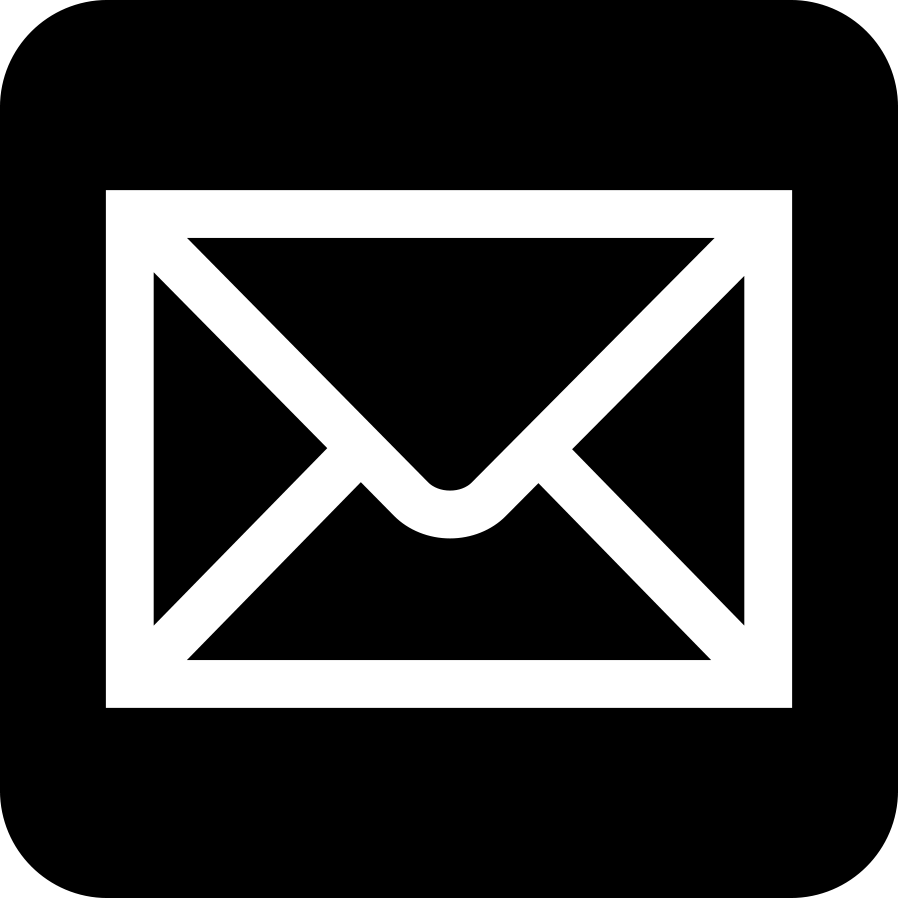
XxxxCounty Elections Department   
Address

After you apply to vote by mail, you will receive your ballot within ten business days.

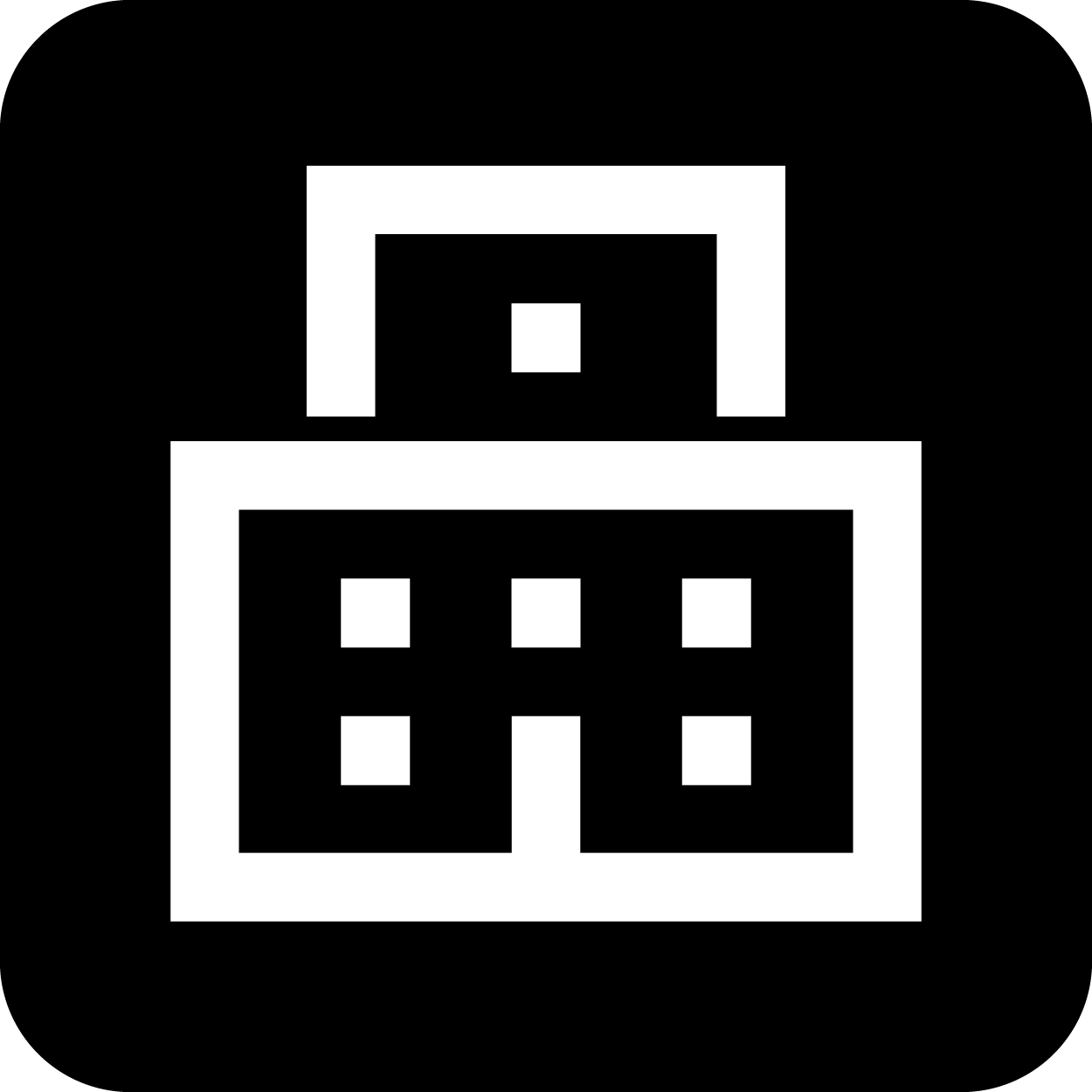
Overseas voters, military personnel and their dependents can get a vote-by-mail ballot by asking your commanding officer, or go to: www.yoursite

## How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

Mark your ballot. Then follow the instructions on the official envelope to sign and seal your ballot.  
You can:

 Mail your ballot, so that it is postmarked by Election Day, November 8

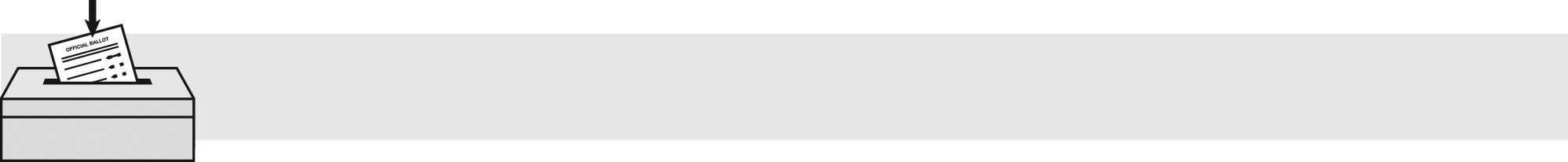
**-OR-**

 Hand deliver your ballot to the

Xxxx County Elections Department   
Address

**-OR-**

 Drop off your ballot on Election Day at any polling place in Xxxx County

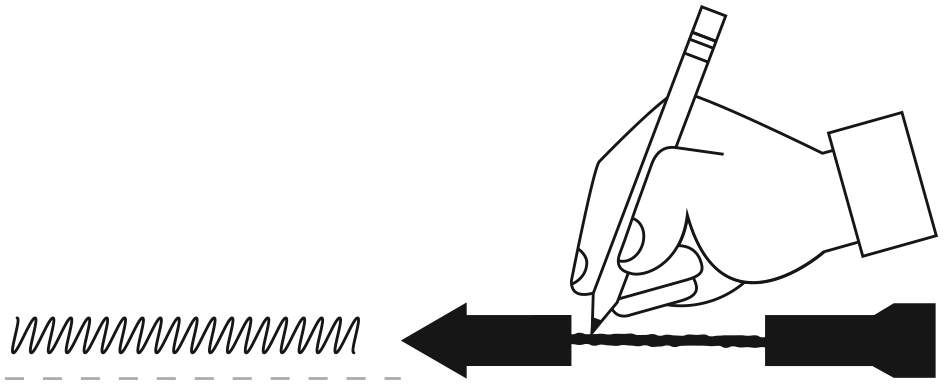
*  How to vote with a paper ballot

**At the polling place, you can choose to vote on a touchscreen or paper ballot.**

## Illustration of marking your ballotMark your ballot

Draw a single line to connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice.

Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies,   
markers or any other type of pen.

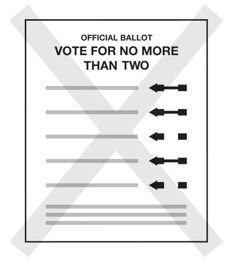
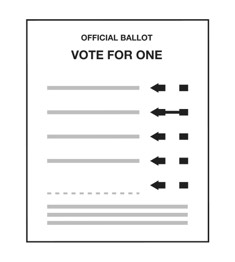
**Do not** **sign your name** on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

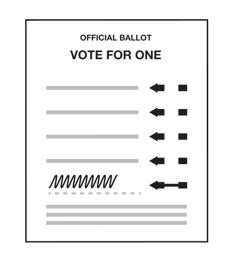
To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write their name   
on the blank line at the end of the list of candidates.   
Then connect the arrow pointing to that name.

A list of qualified write-in candidates is available at the polling place on Election Day. The list is posted on our website at www.elections.ca.us 13 days before the election

## Check your ballot carefully

If you make a mistake as a poll worker for a get a new ballot or follow the instructions in your ballot packet.

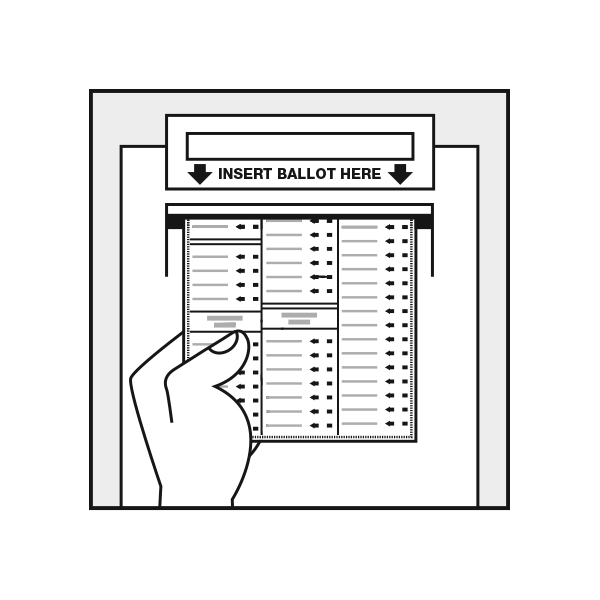
  
Don’t vote for too many  
  
Vote for the number allowed.

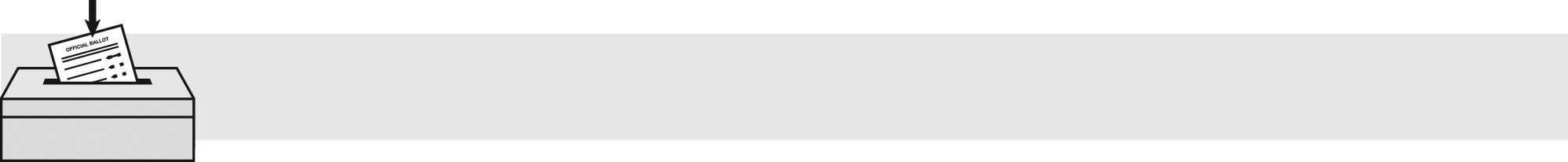
  
Always connect the arrow,   
even on a write-in vote.

## Cast your ballot at the scanner

After you have marked your ballot, take it to the scanner and insert your ballot.

If you made a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates, the scanner will eject your ballot so you can correct it.

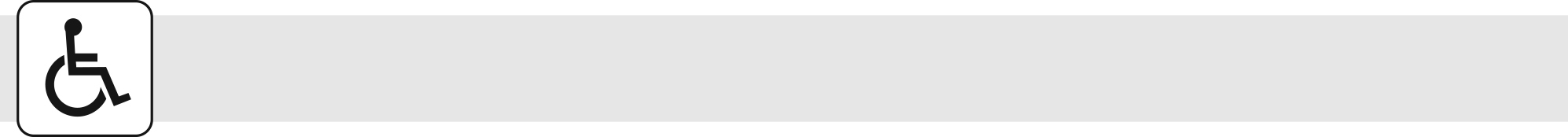


*  How to vote with an electronic ballot

### At the polling place, you can choose to vote on a touch screen or paper ballot.

With touch screen voting, all voters – including those with disabilities – can vote privately and independently.

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| 1. Tell the poll worker you want to use the touch screen   * The poll worker will give you a ticket. * Take it to the touch screen area. * When it’s your turn, a poll worker will activate the screen so you can vote. | Electronic accessible voting system |
| 2. Mark your ballot   * Touch the box next to your choice. A green check mark will appear. * To change your vote, touch that choice again. The green check mark will disappear. * To vote for a write-in candidate, touch the box that says WRITE-IN. A keyboard will pop up. Type the write-in candidate’s name, then touch OK. | Image of a contest on the screen |
| 3. Review your votes   * Touch the screen to print and review a paper record of your votes. * If you want to make changes, you can start again. | Message on screen: Touch here to print and review a paper record of your ballot |
| 4. Cast your vote   * Touch the screen to cast your ballot. * Protect your vote. Do not leave the voting system until you see the green “Thank you” screen that says your vote has been recorded. | Screen message: Vote recorded. Thank you |

*  Accessible Voting

## Accessibility symbolAt the polling place

To check polling place accessibility, look for the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this pamphlet.

In some polling places, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props, are used to improve access to the facility.

## Curbside voting

If your polling place is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. A poll worker will qualify you to vote and return the voted ballot to the polling place.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

* call in advance to coordinate a time and place
* have an assistant make the request inside the polling place.

## Accessible voting system

Each polling place in the county has a touch screen voting system with:

* an audio option that reads the ballot to you
* a universal plug for personal assistive device
* large print (24 points)
* a choice of English or Spanish

## A ride to your polling site

We can arrange to have an accessible van pick you up and take you to the polls to vote. Please call prior to Election Day to make an appointment.

## Ballot delivery to your home

We can deliver a ballot to your home and return it to the Elections Department. Please call before Election Day so there will be enough time to provide assistance.

## Voting information

Audio versions of the information about local measures and information printed in the State Voter Guide are available on request. The recordings are available approximately four weeks before the election.

## How to request assistance

To request any of this options for assistance with accessible voting:

 Phone: ###-###-####

 Relay: ###-###-####

 Language assistance

This page is for information about language assistance available in the county or how to get a the information in a different language.