

**MARIN COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

On Election Day, the poll worker asked me to vote a provisional ballot even though I am a registered voter. Why?

Here are the main reasons why you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot at the polls:

- You requested a vote by mail ballot before the election, but do not have your ballot and envelope to turn in at the polls.
- You may be in the wrong polling place
- You registered or updated your registration after the registration deadline.
- You registered to vote by mail, did not provide the required ID information on the registration form, are voting for the first time in a Federal election in Marin County, but do not have ID to show the poll worker.
- In a Primary Election, you request a ballot for a different political party from the party on your voter registration form.

What is “voting provisionally”?

Voting provisionally means that your ballot will be counted provided you are a registered voter in Marin County.

What is a “Provisional Ballot” and how does it work?

A “provisional ballot” is an official ballot that you put into a special “provisional envelope” at the polls. You must write your name and address on the envelope and sign it.

When is my provisional ballot counted?

After Election Day. The Registrar of Voters’ staff checks the information on your provisional ballot envelope against your information on the voter file. If we can determine that you are a registered voter in Marin County, your ballot is counted.

If I go to the wrong polling place and vote a provisional ballot, will my ballot still be counted?

Yes. All of the contests and measures for which you are eligible to vote had you gone to your correct polling place will be counted. Contests and measures for which you are not eligible to vote will not be counted.

How can I find out if my provisional ballot was counted?

Call the Registrar of Voters’ Office at (415) 473-6456 or visit www.marinvotes.org twenty-eight (28) days after the election.