Elections Division Security

Adams County Clerk & Recorder's office takes Election security very seriously, and we are committed to providing safe and secure elections. *The Washington Post* recently named Colorado as the safest state to cast a ballot. Here are some of the ways Adams County helped the state earn that accolade.

Ballot Tracking

- Ballot envelopes tracked from printer to delivery
- Staff on-site at the printer
- Voters can track ballots through entire process
- Tracking number is only on original and return envelopes—voted ballots are anonymous

Visitor Log

- All visitors are accounted for in our visitor database
- Visitors must show ID when visiting our office
- "Authorized Visitor" lanyard with name/photo visible
- An elections' team member is with the visitor at all times

Paper Ballots

- All votes cast using verifiable paper ballots
- All ballots are kept for 25 months after an election
- No electronic voting

Security Cameras

- Security cameras monitor every room
- Footage recorded 90 days surrounding an election
- Footage kept for 25 months after the election

Ballot Boxes

- Boxes are numbered and include an attached log
- Seals are placed on boxes that contain ballots
- Boxes transported by background-checked, bi-partisan Ballot Security Teams

Secure Access

- All employees and election judges must badge into the elections office and processing center
- Each stage of the elections process has a dedicated space in our facility and access is limited by badges

Verifying Voter ID

- ID is required for in-person voting
- Mail ballots require a verified signature before they're counted
- Signatures are verified
  - Software compares ballot signature to previous signatures on file in voter record
  - Election judges review signatures that can't be verified electronically
  - Voters whose signatures can't be verified by judges are sent a cure letter, and the ballot is not counted until the signature has been cured/verified

Voting Equipment

- No tabulation equipment is connected to the Internet
- Multi-factor authentication required to access voter registration database
- All equipment locked in a cage, behind a locked door
- The only part of ballot processing where equipment is connected to the Internet is the computer used to upload results to the Election Night Reporting website; access to this computer is very restricted and write-once media is used

Election Judges

- Judges work in bi-partisan teams
- All judges are background-checked
- Judges go through mandatory training, up to 12 hours
- All judges and team members (anyone who may be handling a ballot) must wear a party-identifying lanyard at all times

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) and 24-Hour Drop Boxes

- Voters must show ID to vote in person
- No voting equipment at a VSPC is connected to the Internet
- All 24-Hour Drop Boxes under video surveillance
- Computer judges check voter registration
  - Registrations can be updated at this time
  - Citizens can register to vote at this time

Canvass Board

The Democratic and Republican party leaders in the county appoint two individuals, the Canvass Board, to test our processes and accuracy before and after the election. Here's what that process looks like.

Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT)

About one month prior to the election, the Canvass Board and Elections Team complete a Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT):

- Each Canvass Board member completes a certain number of ballots and separately records their number of votes for each contest
- These voted ballots, along with a number of our own test ballots, are run through our scanning, adjudication, and tabulation processes
- Results from our equipment are compared to the Canvass Boards' records

Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA)

After the election, the Canvass Board and Elections Team complete a Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA):

- The Secretary of State's office provides us with a list of randomly selected ballots (using batch, tray, and ballot number) to compare
- Those specific ballots are found and compared to the results reported in our system

100% Match Rate in 2017 Coordinated and 2018 Primary Elections!

Canvass Board Reconvenes

After the LAT, election, and RLA are completed, the Canvass Board meets again to review and balance all reports and ensures result totals are accurate.

Learn more about our process at **AdamsVotes.com**