

Canvassing a polling place election is relatively straight-forward.

In a traditional polling place election each voter is assigned a precinct, and voting happens on Election Day.

Before opening the polling place, election judges verify the number of pre-printed paper ballots in the polling location inventory. A registration book identifies all eligible electors and the ballot style for which each is eligible. Polling locations are secure and protected from electioneering activities.

People who wish to vote come in-person to their pre-assigned polling location where they complete a sign-in card. By checking the registration book and the pollbook, election judges confirm that the person is an eligible elector who has not already voted, and mark the registration book entry.

The voter is issued a ballot (from the secure inventory of preprinted ballots), a privacy shield, and a private voting booth. Judges record in a secure pollbook the identity of the person and the serial number and style of the ballot that was issued. The pollbook is open for public viewing. The sign-in card is placed in a locked container.

Once marked, the voter places the ballot into a privacy shield and returns the private ballot to an election judge. The judge removes the stub (serial number) and deposits it into a secure container. The voter personally casts their anonymous ballot into a secure locked ballot box.

After the polling place is closed to further voting, the ballots in the ballot box are removed and shuffled.

The number of ballots cast is determined and verified by counting the ballots and comparing this count with the number of ballot stubs and the number of ballots issued from inventory.

The number of voters who voted is determined and verified by counting the names recorded in the pollbook and comparing this count to the number of sign-in cards and the number of ballots cast. The number of ballots cast and the number of voters who voted should be identical.

Ballots are then sorted by style. The number of ballots counted of each style is determined and verified by counting the ballots in each set and comparing each count with the number of ballots that were issued by style (as recorded in the pollbook and the ballot inventory).

For each for each contest on each ballot style, the votes per contestant, the over votes, and the under votes are counted. The total votes counted for each contest is determined and verified by summing the contestant votes, over votes and under votes with the number of ballots counted.

Polling place results by ballot style are posted for the public and mailed to the Clerk. All materials and an election judge's report are securely returned to the Clerk.

Election results are centrally compiled, certified and reported in the official abstract of votes cast. The critical election data required for canvassing is readily verifiable by precinct and ballot style:

- Number of voters who voted
- Number of ballots cast
- Number of ballots counted
- Number of votes counted
- Abstract of votes cast

Polling place election integrity is strong because of (a) maximum transparency and verifiability, (b) voter eligibility, voter privacy, and anonymous vote protection, (c) electioneering and intimidation prevention, (d) detail records are readily available to canvassers, and (e) a voter impersonator risks being caught and prosecuted.
