

PROVISIONAL VOTING

“Suppose a voter comes to the precinct to vote, but that voter is not on the pollbook or other registration record available to precinct officials. In years past, that potential voter would simply be turned away and his or her vote would be lost. For the past decade, North Carolina has addressed this situation through the use of provisional ballots. Under provisional voting, an individual who believes that he or she should be on the voter rolls, but is not, or who for some reason appears ineligible, can vote a ballot that will be held separately and counted later only if the voter’s eligibility can be subsequently established.” *(From The Precinct Manual 2008, Robert P. Joyce, UNC School of Government)*

CHECK YOUR PROVISIONAL VOTE

By law, individuals who vote a provisional ballot have the right to learn if their ballot was counted. If it was not counted, the Board of Elections will tell you the reason why it was not counted.

The County Board of Elections meets formally following Election Day to approve provisional ballots. You can access the State Board of Elections website or call the State Board of Elections to learn if your ballot was counted. You will be asked the following information:

- Your Full Name
- Your Date of Birth
- Your Personal Identification Number (PIN), listed on the Call-in Instructions Sheet provided to you at the polling place

Information is available **the second Monday after the election date.**

Website: <http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/>

Phone Number: 1-866-522-4723 (during normal business hours)