

BAILEY'S BLOG
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ELECTION INFORMATION:

June 26, 2018 Primary Election and the November 6, 2018 General Election will be conducted as an all-mail-in ballot delivery election for Morgan County Voters. This means that all active eligible electors will automatically be mailed a ballot approximately 22 days before each election. **The ballot you receive in the mail is your official election ballot.** You can vote your ballot, sign the affirmation on the return envelope and return it via mail with proper postage or you can drop it off at the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder's Office or use the 24 Hour Drive up Drop Box any time after receiving the ballot.

Signing the affirmation on the return ballot envelope: Colorado Revised Statutes 1-7.5-107.3

- In every mail ballot election that is conducted by the county clerk and recorder, an election judge shall compare the signature on the self-affirmation on each return envelope with the signature of the eligible elector stored in the statewide voter registration system.
- If upon comparing the signature of an eligible elector on the self-affirmation on the return envelope with the signature in the statewide voter registration system; does not match, the county clerk and recorder shall, within three days, send to the eligible elector at the address indicated in the records a letter explaining the discrepancy in the signature and a form for the eligible elector to confirm that the elector returned a ballot to the county clerk and recorder.
- If the county clerk receives this form within eight days after the Election Day confirming that the elector returned a ballot and if the ballot is otherwise valid, the ballot shall be counted.
- If the elector returns the form indicating that the elector did not return a ballot to the county clerk and recorder, or if the elector does not return the form within eight days after Election Day, the self-affirmation on the return envelope shall be categorized as incorrect and the ballot shall not be counted.
- The county clerk and recorder shall send copies of the eligible elector's signature on the return envelope and the signature stored in the statewide voter registration system to the district attorney for investigation.
- If a mail ballot envelope is not signed, the clerk must send a letter notifying the elector that he or she can affix a signature within eight calendar days after the election.

What if the voter can't sign the affirmation for some reason?

- A signature stamp is acceptable for the voter.
- Power of Attorney **is not acceptable**; a POA is not recognized for voter registration, changes or voting purposes.
- The voter needs to attempt to sign the affirmation as best as they can (that might mean a scribble or non-recognized name) and then someone can witness the signature on the witness line.

Critical Statutory Information:

C.R.S. 1-13-106 Forgery: Any person who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any ballot before or after it has been cast, or who forges any name of a person as a signer or witness to a petition or nomination paper, or who forges any letter of acceptance, declination, or withdrawal, or who forges the name of a registered elector to a voter's mail-in or mail ballot commits forgery as set forth in section 18-5-102., and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

C.R.S. 1-13-705 Personating elector: Any person who falsely personates any elector and votes at any election provided by law under the name of such elector shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than eighteen months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2018 Election Dates: Colorado is an All Mail Ballot Delivery State. Voters will receive their Official Ballot in the mail for ALL Elections.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 26, 2018: Ballots will be mailed to all active voters registered in Morgan County 18-22 days prior to Election Day

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018: Ballots will be mailed to all active voters registered in Morgan County 18-22 days prior to Election Day

For additional information, please contact the Morgan County Election Department at (970)542-3521, option 5. For assistance in the Motor Vehicle Department, please contact (970)542-3521, option 2. For assistance in the Recording Department, please contact (970)542-3521, option 4.

Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we are located at 231 Ensign Street, Fort Morgan, Colorado.