

## What happens after I return my referendum ballot?

Your ballot is counted by Elections BC, but what does that look like? There are a number of steps to make sure the process is secure, accurate, and transparent.

### 1. BALLOT PACKAGE RETURN



Voters mail their completed ballot packages to Elections BC. Ballot packages are also collected from Referendum Service Offices and Service BC locations around the province for delivery to the central election facility.



### 2. BALLOT PACKAGE RECEIVING



Returned ballot packages are received and sorted and then opened to remove certification envelopes.



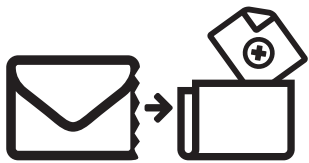
### 3. ENVELOPE SCANNING AND VALIDATION



Images are taken of all returned certification envelopes. Envelope information is captured electronically to confirm receipt, check for the voter's signature and validate the birthdate. Envelopes that pass these checks are automatically accepted for counting.



### 6. CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE OPENING



Ballots are separated from certification envelopes and secrecy sleeves in a manner that preserves the secrecy of the vote.



### 5. CORRECTION



If mandatory information is missing, letters are sent to voters so they can correct the mistake.



### 4. ENVELOPE SCREENING



Images of certification envelopes that are not automatically accepted are verified against the voter registration database by a team of referendum officials.

### 7. BALLOT COUNTING



Ballots are scanned through tabulators and votes are recorded.



### 8. BALLOT REVIEW



As necessary, a team of referendum officials reviews images of ballots with unclear markings to determine voter intent.



### 9. RESULTS AND AUDIT



Results from all the electronic tabulators are combined to produce the referendum results. An audit is conducted to confirm the tabulated results are accurate.