

BALLOT DUPLICATION PROCESS FACTS

Ballots that are received damaged, improperly marked, or rejected by the tabulation device are put through a ballot duplicating process. This process is conducted by two election clerks who evaluate the ballots for “voter intent” and possible duplication requirements. Once it is determined that a ballot must be duplicated, a blank ballot is re-marked and verified by both election clerks before it is processed. Once the ballot has been duplicated the original ballot is voided and the new ballot is marked as a DUPLICATE and submitted for tabulation. This effort is time-intensive and requires additional labor and ballot costs. However, these procedures ensure each voter’s ballot is counted as the voter intended.

If a voter realizes he/she made a mistake in marking their ballot, the voter may request a new ballot, as long as the voter has not mailed in the incorrectly marked ballot already. You can request a new ballot by phone, email, or by mailing a request. A form is available at venturavote.org/forms or by calling (805) 654-2664.