A Guide to Late Transfers in the Same Day Registration (SDR) Environment

The following guide describes procedures for ballot processing “edge-cases” in the SDR environment. Most late transfers will result in one of two “happy path” scenarios, but sometimes it will be harder to decide which ballot to accept and when.

Our goal is to count the most recent ballot issued to a voter, for their current registration. When that ballot cannot be accepted, it may still be possible to credit voters using a suspended ballot (these are called cancelled ballots in VoteWA) from their previous registration. Following the steps in this guide will result in fewer rejected ballots.
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Overview of Same Day Registration (SDR) policy: a voter may update a registration until their ballot has been accepted for tabulation.

County issues Ballot ID1

Voter sends Ballot ID1 to County

County receives Ballot ID1

Signature verification

Accepted

Send cure letter to voter

Accept

TABULATE

Voter transfers?

If Ballot ID1 has not passed signature verification, the county suspends Ballot ID1 and issues Ballot ID2 (now the current ballot)

Voter transfers?

Voter transfers?

A ballot has been counted, no further ballots will be issued

Registration update will be effective next election

TABULATE

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“Happy Path” 1

current accepted

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot

**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended1 ballot

**WHEN** the county receives the current ballot
**AND** the current ballot is signature verified

**THEN** the county accepts and tabulates the current ballot

**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot

**THEN** the county categorizes the suspended ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
GIVEN the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
AND the voter has already been issued a ballot
THEN the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
AND the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
WHEN the county receives the suspended ballot
AND the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
THEN the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
WHEN the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election
AND the current ballot is signature verified
THEN the county accepts and tabulates the current ballot
AND the county categorizes the suspended ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
GIVEN the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
AND the voter has already been issued a ballot
THEN the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
AND the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
WHEN the county receives the suspended ballot
AND the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
THEN the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
WHEN the county has not received the current ballot within 7 days after the election
THEN the suspended ballot is restored, becomes the current ballot, and moves on to signature verification
WHEN the restored ballot is signature verified
THEN the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot

WHEN the county later receives a current ballot after the 7 day period
THEN the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
County mails ballot to voter

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Yes

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Cures both?

Yes

Always apply to current ballot

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

Yes

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

No

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

Yes

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Yes

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

No

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

Yes

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?
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THEN the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
AND the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
WHEN the county receives the suspended ballot
AND the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
THEN the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot
WHEN the suspended ballot is shown to have a valid signature through the signature pre-check
THEN the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
WHEN the county has not received the current ballot within 7 days of the election
THEN the suspended ballot is restored and moves on to signature verification
WHEN the restored ballot’s valid signature is confirmed
THEN the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot

WHEN the county receives a current ballot after the 7 day period
THEN the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
County mails ballot to voter

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

No

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot?

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

Cures both?

Always apply to current ballot

Yes

No

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

No

Yes

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

Yes

No

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

County receives current ballot within 7 days after Election

Signature verified?

Yes

No

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

No

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

No

Current Not Returned 2 suspended is restored (with signature pre-check)
**Current Not Returned 3**

suspended is restored
(no signature pre-check)

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period

**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot

**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)

**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot

**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot

**AND** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot

**THEN** the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election

**WHEN** the county has not received the current ballot within 7 days of the election

**THEN** the suspended ballot is restored and moves on to signature verification

**WHEN** the restored ballot is signature challenged

**THEN** the county issues a cure notice to the voter

**WHEN** the cure notice is returned

**AND** the signature can cure the restored ballot

**THEN** the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot

**WHEN** the county receives a current ballot after the 7 day period

**THEN** the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
County mails ballot to voter

Voter updates address, system suspends ballot

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation? Yes No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election? Yes No

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified? No Yes

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot? Yes No

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification? Yes

Current Not Returned 3 suspended is restored (no signature pre-check)

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified? Yes No

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

County receives current ballot within 7 days after Election

Signature verified? Yes No

County receives current ballot for tabulation? Yes No

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation? Yes No

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification? Yes No

Can signature cure current ballot? Yes No

Cures both? Always apply to current ballot

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

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**Current Not Returned 4**
suspended is restored
(with signature pre-check)

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot
**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot

**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot
**AND** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
**THEN** the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot

**WHEN** the suspended ballot is signature challenged through the signature pre-check
**THEN** the county issues a cure notice to the voter
**WHEN** the cure notice is returned
**AND** the county has not received the current ballot within 7 days after the election
**AND** the signature can cure the suspended ballot
**THEN** the suspended ballot is restored and moves on to signature verification

**WHEN** that ballot’s valid signature is confirmed
**THEN** the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot

**WHEN** the county receives a current ballot after the 7 day period
**THEN** the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)
Current Not Returned 4 suspended is restored (with signature pre-check)

County mails ballot to voter

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation? Yes No

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election? Yes No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification? Yes No

Signature verified?

Yes

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Yes

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Cures both?
Always apply to current ballot

Accept and tabulate current ballot

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?
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THEN the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
AND the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
WHEN the county receives the suspended ballot
AND the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
THEN the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
WHEN the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election
AND the current ballot is signature challenged
THEN the county issues a cure notice to the voter
WHEN the cure notice is returned
AND the signature can cure the current ballot
AND the current ballot is signature verified within 3 days of Certification
THEN the county accepts and tabulates the current ballot
AND the county categorizes the suspended ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)

When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
County mails ballot to voter

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

Yes

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

No

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

Yes

County receives current ballot within 7 days after Election

Signature verified?

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot?

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Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

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Cures both?

No

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AND the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
THEN the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot
WHEN the suspended ballot is shown to have a valid signature through the signature pre-check
THEN the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
WHEN the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election
AND the current ballot is signature challenged
THEN the county issues a cure notice to the voter
WHEN the cure notice is returned
AND the signature can cure the current ballot within 3 days of certification
THEN the county accepts and tabulates the current ballot
AND the county categorizes the suspended ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)¹

¹ When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
County mails ballot to voter

Voter updates address, system suspends ballot

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

Yes

No

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Yes

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

Yes

Cures both?

Yes

No

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification
Given the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period and the voter has already been issued a ballot, then the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot). The original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot when the county receives the suspended ballot and the county has not yet accepted the current ballot. Then, the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election when the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election. If the current ballot is signature challenged, the county issues a cure notice to the voter when the cure notice is returned. If the signature on the letter cannot cure the current ballot by the day before certification, then the county restores and signature checks the suspended ballot when the restored ballot is signature verified. Then, the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot and the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot).

When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot.
County mails ballot to voter

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

Signature verified?

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Yes

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Cures both?

Yes

Always apply to current ballot

Accept and tabulate current ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

Signature verified?

No

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Yes

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

County receives suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

Yes

Current Challenged 3 suspended is restored (no signature pre-check)
**Given** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period

**And** the voter has already been issued a ballot

**Then** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)

**And** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot

**When** the county receives the suspended ballot

**And** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot

**Then** the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot

**When** the suspended ballot is shown to have a valid signature through the signature pre-check

**Then** the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election

**When** the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election

**And** the current ballot is signature challenged

**Then** the county issues a cure notice to the voter

**When** the cure notice is returned

**And** the signature on the letter cannot cure the current ballot by the day before Certification

**Then** the county restores and signature checks the suspended ballot

**When** the restored ballot’s valid signature has been confirmed

**Then** the county accepts, duplicates onto current precinct, and tabulates the restored ballot

**And** the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)

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1 When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
**Both Ballots Challenged 1**
current is accepted
(with signature pre-check)

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period

**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot

**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)

**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot

**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot

**AND** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot

**THEN** the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot

**WHEN** the suspended ballot is signature challenged through the signature pre-check

**THEN** the county issues a cure notice to the voter

**WHEN** the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election

**THEN** the current ballot moves on to signature verification

**WHEN** the current ballot is signature challenged

**THEN** the cure notice initiated by the signature pre-check for the suspended ballot may be applied to the current ballot

**WHEN** the cure notice is returned

**AND** the signature can cure the current ballot

**AND** the current ballot is signature verified by the day before Certification

**THEN** the county accepts and tabulates the current ballot

**AND** the county categorizes the suspended ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)

\(^1\) When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
County mails ballot to voter

Voter updates address, system suspends ballot

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

No

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

County reissues ballot to the voter. This is now their current ballot.

Yes

County holds suspended ballot

Suspended ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure restored ballot?

No

Can signature cure current ballot?

No

Cures both?
Always apply to current ballot

Yes

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

No

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

Yes

Accept and tabulate current ballot

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Both Ballots Challenged 1 current is accepted (with signature pre-check)
Both Ballots Challenged 2
suspended is restored
(with signature pre-check)

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot
**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot
**AND** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
**THEN** the county may implement a manual signature pre-check on the suspended ballot
**WHEN** the suspended ballot is signature challenged through the signature pre-check
**THEN** the county issues a cure notice to the voter
**WHEN** the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election
**AND** the current ballot is signature challenged
**THEN** the cure notice initiated by the signature pre-check for the suspended ballot may be applied to the current ballot if it is returned
**WHEN** the cure notice is returned
**AND** the signature cannot cure the current ballot
**AND** additional correspondence cannot cure the current ballot by the day before Certification
**THEN** the county restores and signature checks the suspended ballot
**AND** the cure letter can be applied to the restored ballot
**WHEN** the restored ballot is signature verified using the signature on the cure letter
**THEN** the restored ballot is accepted, duplicated onto the voter’s current precinct, and tabulated
**AND** the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)¹

¹ When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
Both Ballots Challenged 3
suspended is restored
(no signature pre-check)

**GIVEN** the voter has initiated a transfer during the voting period
**AND** the voter has already been issued a ballot
**THEN** the county reissues a ballot to the voter for their new precinct (this is the current ballot)
**AND** the original ballot issued to the voter becomes a suspended ballot
**WHEN** the county receives the suspended ballot
**AND** the county has not yet accepted the current ballot
**THEN** the county holds the suspended ballot for 7 days after the election
**WHEN** the county receives the current ballot within 7 days of the election
**AND** the current ballot is signature challenged
**THEN** the county issues a cure notice to the voter
**WHEN** the cure notice is returned
**AND** the signature on the letter cannot cure the current ballot by the day before Certification
**THEN** the county restores and signature checks the suspended ballot
**WHEN** that ballot is also signature challenged
**THEN** the cure notice initiated by the signature challenge on the current ballot may be applied to it
**WHEN** the restored ballot is signature verified using the signature on the cure letter
**THEN** the restored ballot is accepted, duplicated onto the voter’s current precinct, and tabulated
**AND** the county categorizes the current ballot as an informational ballot (it does not reject the ballot)

\[1\] When neither ballot can be cured prior to certification, only reject the current ballot
County mails ballot to voter

Voter updates address, system suspends ballot

County receives suspended ballot

Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?

Yes

No

County holds suspended ballot

Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?

Yes

State chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot

Signature verified?

Yes

No

County restores, signature checks suspended ballot

Signature verified?

Yes

No

Can signature cure restored ballot?

Yes

Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot

Cures both?

Yes

Always apply to current ballot

Categorize suspended ballot as informational

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

Send cure letter

Cure letter returned

Can signature cure current ballot?

Yes

Accept and tabulate current ballot

No

Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?

Yes

No

Both Ballots Challenged 3 suspended is restored (no signature pre-check)
Overview: voter transfers after ballots have been mailed, resulting in a reissue ballot. May be in-county or county-to-county transfer.

- County mails ballot to voter
- County receives suspended ballot
- Current ballot already accepted for tabulation?
  - Yes: Current ballot returned within 7 days after Election?
    - Yes: County chooses to run manual signature pre-check on suspended ballot
      - Signature verified?
        - Yes: County holds suspended ballot
        - No: Send cure letter
- No: County restores, signature checks suspended ballot
- Signature verified?
  - Yes: Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot
  - No: Send cure letter
    - Cure letter returned
      - Can signature cure restored ballot?
        - Yes: Accept, duplicate, and tabulate restored ballot
        - No: Cures both?
          - Yes: Accept and tabulate current ballot
          - No: Categorize suspended ballot as informational
- No: Current ballot accepted by day before Certification?
  - Yes: Accept and tabulate current ballot
  - No: Send cure letter
    - Can signature cure current ballot?
      - Yes: Accept and tabulate current ballot
      - No: Cures both?
        - Yes: Accept and tabulate current ballot
        - No: Categorize suspended ballot as informational

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<td>Only one ballot may be accepted per voter each election. An “accepted ballot” has been entered into the system and signature verified. It’s ready for opening and manual inspection. For example, in some counties with sorters, ballots may enter the system (received) but are not yet signature verified (accepted/challenged). In other counties, ballots are both received and accepted/challenged during signature verification.</td>
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<td><strong>Received</strong></td>
<td>Many ballots may be received per voter each election. A “received ballot” has been returned to the county and enters the system, but has not yet been signature verified. A received ballot has not yet been accepted/challenged. It’s not ready for opening until accepted. For example, a ballot received by the system could be on a sorter or awaiting further research before signature verification.</td>
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<td><strong>Current</strong></td>
<td>The most recently issued ballot is the voter’s current ballot. A “current ballot” matches the precinct in which the voter is registered to vote. The current ballot may be either a replacement or reissued ballot. The current ballot may not necessarily be the first ballot in/received. It’s not a suspended ballot.</td>
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<td><strong>Suspended</strong></td>
<td>All ballots previously issued to the voter within an election are suspended ballots. A “suspended ballot” is a previously issued ballot that is not the voter’s current ballot. In some cases, the suspended ballot may be accepted and duplicated to the current precinct ballot. The system suspends a ballot because the voter either updated their VR record or requested a replacement. If received by the county, the suspended ballot is either held (in county) or immediately forwarded and held (new county) to allow time for the current ballot to be received.</td>
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<td><strong>Reissued</strong></td>
<td>A reissued ballot becomes the current ballot and all others are suspended. VoteWA: reissued = current A “reissued ballot” becomes the current ballot issued to a voter due to an address update within the state that changes the voter’s ballot type or style. The voter registration record has been updated or changed prior to 8 p.m. on Election Day and the ballot packet is impacted. Messaging is required with the reissued ballot packet (i.e. an insert).</td>
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| **Replacement** | Typically requested by the voter, a replacement ballot becomes the current ballot. A “replacement ballot” is the same type or style as the most recently issued (now suspended) ballot. The voter registration record is not updated or changed in a way that impacts the ballot packet. If the voter
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<td>Hold/Held</td>
<td>A ballot is received and “held” when time is needed to allow the voter time to return their current ballot, or further research is needed. FWABs and suspended ballots are examples of held ballots that may eventually be accepted. A suspended ballot belonging to another county must be forwarded within 2 business days and cannot be held in your county.</td>
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<td>Restored</td>
<td>When the current ballot is either not received or remains challenged during the certification period, the voter’s suspended (and held) ballot may be restored at the appropriate time. If the signature on the restored ballot validates, the ballot is accepted and duplicated to the current ballot.</td>
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<td>Challenged</td>
<td>A “challenged ballot” has reached signature verification but is not accepted. It often requires a notice. Challenged ballots are handled by the county where it’s been received (in county) or when a voter updates, the ballot is forwarded and held (new county). Two categories: 1. Signature issues. Anything that can be cured by the voter such as no signature, no match, etc. 2. Administrative issues. Late ballots. May or may not be cured.</td>
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<td>Conditional Registration</td>
<td>A “conditional registration” is an in-person application submitted when the voter registration system is unable to process applications. Conditionally registered voters are issued a current ballot for their precinct whenever possible; they are not issued a provisional ballot. This provides the voter an opportunity to vote in the jurisdiction in which they reside, and allows the county time for research when the system is down.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Informational/Invalid</td>
<td>When a voter’s ballot has been accepted, do not categorize other ballots received from that voter (suspended, held) as rejected. These ballots are categorized as “informational” or “invalid” by the County Canvassing Board. Voted suspended ballots cannot be rejected unless another type of challenge is the reason for rejection. Also see Rejected.</td>
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<td>Rejected</td>
<td>A voted suspended ballot is “rejected” only if another type of challenge is the reason for rejection and the voter has not been credited with voting another ballot (i.e. signature no match and current ballot not received; too late and current ballot not received). Also see Informational/Invalid.</td>
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returns a suspended ballot that matches the current voter registration record, we can restore, receive, and accept the suspended ballot without having to hold or duplicate because it already matches the current ballot.