

### What does this mean?

**Certification Day**

The date when election results are finalized by state or county officials.

**Logic and Accuracy Test**

A test completed before each election to ensure the accuracy of voting equipment.

**Nonpartisan Office**

An elected position in which candidates do not state a political party preference and candidates for the office are not officially associated with a political group. Office appears on the ballot as “Nonpartisan.”

**Partisan Office**

An elected position in which candidates may state their preferred political party. A candidate may also choose “States No Party Preference.” Their preference is printed on the ballot.

**Postmark**

A postmark indicates the location and date the Postal Service accepted custody of a ballot. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be accepted. Placing your ballot in a mailbox on Election Day does not guarantee a postmark of the same day.

**Post-election Audit**

A test completed before the certification of results to ensure the security and accuracy of the voting system. Counties perform a post-election audit each election.

**Term Type**

How much of a term a candidate will be serving for an office. It is split into regular, unexpired, and short-and-full.

**Voter Registration Database**

The official list of registered voters maintained in every state to conduct safe and secure elections. Our database in Washington is known as VoteWA.

**Voting Center**

A county-run facility where you can receive voting assistance from trained elections staff. Some services include registering or updating voter information, requesting and returning a ballot, or finding an accessible voting unit.

**Voting System**

Ballot counting equipment that must be tested by an independent testing authority and certified by the state of Washington before it can be used.