

MYTH VERSUS TRUTH

ABOUT VOTE BY MAIL



Mail-in voting invites fraud.



The chance of voter fraud is less than the chance of being hit by lightning. Out of 250 million votes cast by mail in the U.S. in the last 20 years, 143 resulted in convictions for fraud.*



Election Officials mail ballots to people who are not eligible to vote.

Virginia, like most states, mails ballots only to registered voters who apply for them. Ballots are tracked from the registrar to the voter and back.



Drop boxes can be stuffed with multiple copies of counterfeited ballots.

Virginia has monitored, secure mail ballot drop-off containers. Counterfeiting a ballot is virtually impossible but the screening processes would reject one anyway.

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People can vote by mail in multiple states and ballots are cast for dead people.



Organizations can collect many ballots and may not turn them in properly.



If the election results are not complete and announced on Election Night, the election will have been fraudulent.



Virginia maintains a current list of voters, using numerous reports, records, and databases, including ERIC, which helps weed out duplicate registrations among states.

Ballot “harvesting” by groups and individuals is illegal in Virginia and, with specific exceptions, only the voter may deliver a ballot.

Election results are never final on Election Night. Bipartisan teams carefully process ballots returned by mail or dropped off. Final results will take days.