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Election Changes

New Laws & Procedures

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Election changes are coming!

- SB 450
 - Vote by Mail 2018
 - Vote Centers
 - Outreach & accessibility requirements
- Conditional Voter Registration
- Releasing election results



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SB 450—California Voter's Choice Act

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- Napa County is one of 14 pilot counties that will be 100% Vote-By-Mail for the June 5, 2018 Primary Election.
- All counties (with the exception of Los Angeles) will be Vote-By-Mail for the June 2, 2020 Presidential Primary.



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SB 450—California Voter's Choice Act

SB 450:

- Establishes guidelines for Elections Offices to develop an election plan and advisory committees.
- Expands voter outreach and accessibility.
- Specifies number of ballot drop boxes and vote centers based on population.



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Draft Vote-By-Mail (VBM) plan

Elections official must develop a plan for conducting all Vote-By-Mail Elections.

- Must have meetings with language and disability community prior to having public hearing to adopt final plan.
- Plan must consider location and proximity of Vote Centers and drop boxes to make sure they are accessible to all voters.
- Public comment period and public hearing for draft plan.
- Plan must include voter outreach plan that is submitted to Secretary of State for review.



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Outreach Plan

- Must include budget for voter outreach.
- Outline for community presence and public workshops.
- Two direct contacts with voters in addition to official ballot material explaining the new process.
- Comprehensive media plan across all platforms to explain new process to all voters and specifically target voters with disabilities and minority language voters. This must include a toll free hotline available 29 days before each election.



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Seven Ballot Drop Boxes

- One exterior drop box open a minimum of 12 hours a day 28 days prior to election.
- Six interior drop boxes open regular business hours 28 days prior to election at locations throughout the county.
- Ballots from any county may be dropped off and Napa will forward to home county no later than 8 days after Election Day.



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Ballot Drop Boxes



One Drop Box per 15,000 registered voters



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Eight Vote Centers

- Two vote centers open 8 hours daily 10 days prior to election.
- Six vote centers open 8 hours daily 3 days prior to election.
- All vote centers open from 7am to 8pm on Election Day.
- Vote centers will be distributed throughout county.



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Vote Centers

Each Vote Center must:

- Permit voters to return a ballot, request a replacement ballot, receive a provisional ballot, register or update voter registration and vote.
- Be accessible and have 3 ADA voting machines.



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Vote Centers

Each Vote Center must:

- Offer language assistance pursuant to CA Elections Code 12303 and Federal Voting Rights Act 203.
- Offer election materials & facsimile ballots pursuant to CA Elections Code 14201 and Federal Voting Rights Act 203.



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ICX

What is an ICX?





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Conditional Voter Registration

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- Now that all counties are connected through the VoteCal system, Conditional Voter Registration allows voters to register and vote a conditional ballot within 14 days prior to and on Election Day.
- Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) effective January 1, 2017.



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Conditional Voter Registration

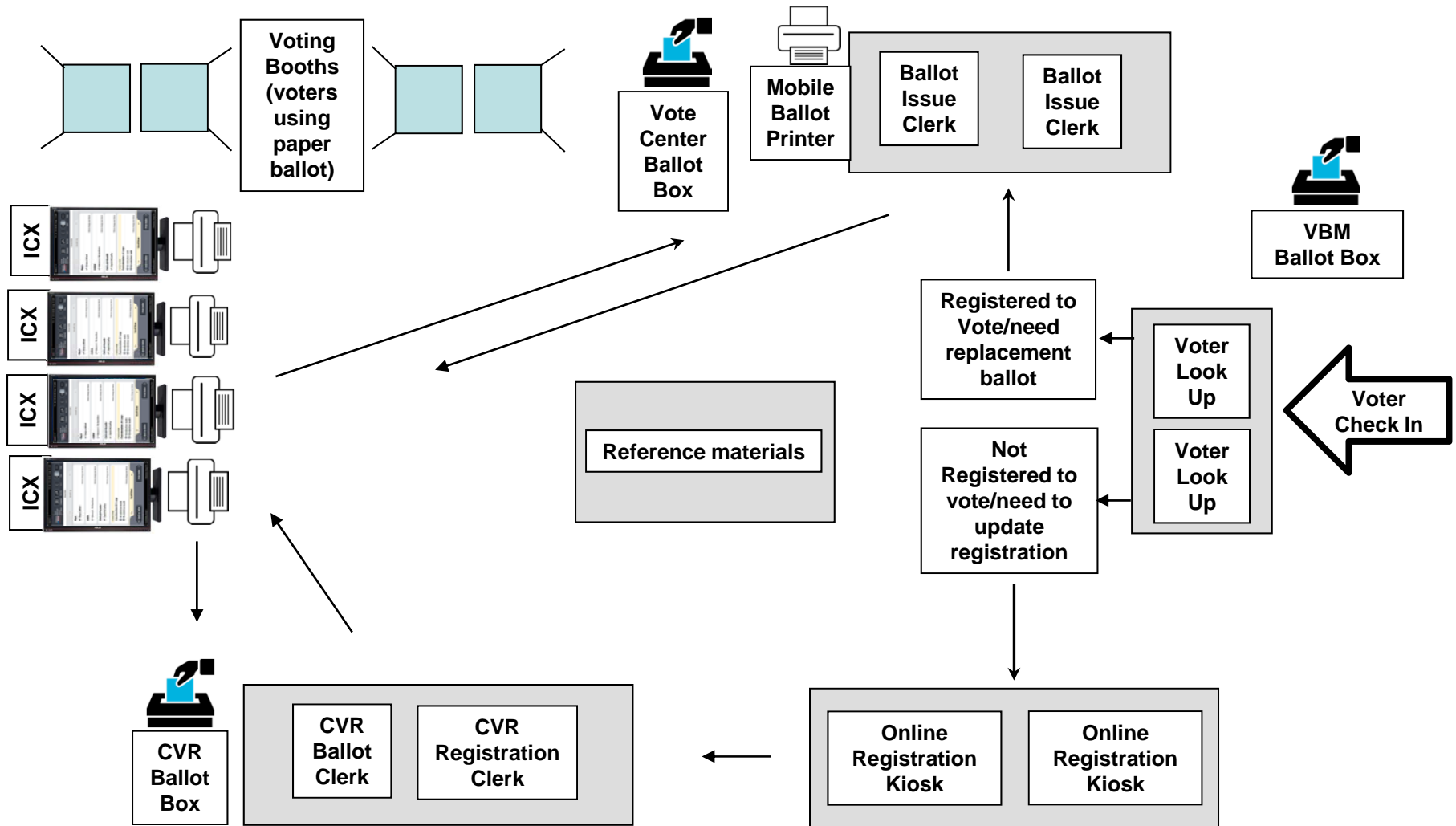
Conditional Voter Registration

- Vote Center staff will process voter registrations on site.
- Voters may register using the SOS online portal or use paper registrations.
- Vote Center staff will use VoteCal to make sure voter has not voted in another county prior to issuing a CVR ballot.



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Vote Center Layout





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Releasing Election Results

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- The first results released at 8:01 pm on Election Night includes all VBM ballots received and processed prior to noon on the Saturday before the election.
- Because SB 450 requires all ballots to be treated as Vote-By-Mail, additional results will be released as ballots are processed.



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Questions?