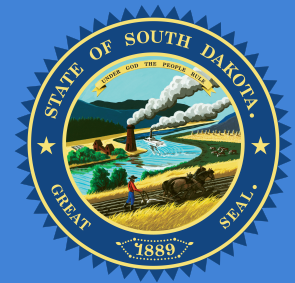


# South Dakota's Elections

# ARE SECURE



## VOTING EQUIPMENT IS CERTIFIED

In order to earn Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certification, voting systems must be tested for conformance to pre-established standards. Certification testing under the EAC's program can only be performed by accredited Voting System Test Labs (VSTLs), which have demonstrated technical competence to test voting systems.

Machines go through rigorous testing and certification through the Election Assistance Commission, voluntarily submit to independent 3rd party testing, and through state certification.



Ballots and machines are all locked with tamper proof seals and stored securely. Equipment and ballots have a strict chain of custody. Election officials verify that the equipment was safeguarded during transport, return the equipment to secured storage, and complete the chain of custody.

## SAFELY STORING VOTING EQUIPMENT

## TESTING - PAPER BALLOTS - NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET.

Before voting begins, voting machines and tabulators go through a full battery of logic and accuracy testing, which is open to the public, to ensure they work properly and have not been manipulated.

Regardless of how you vote, ALL South Dakota voters vote on a paper ballot. South Dakota has NO online voting.

South Dakota's voting machines and tabulators are never connected to the internet.



Each of South Dakota's election boards includes representation from REPUBLICAN members and DEMOCRATIC members. Any handling of ballots or voting equipment must take place by bipartisan team of election officials.

1. To vote absentee, a ballot MUST be requested by a voter. South Dakota does not send absentee ballots to every registered voter.
2. Absentee voters must then complete and sign the identification envelope. Voters must show photo ID to vote!
3. Absentee voters can track the status of their ballot with the [South Dakota Voter Information Portal \(VIP\)](#).
4. All precincts are staffed by a bipartisan group of election workers and is open to the media, poll watchers, and observers.

## BALLOTS ALWAYS STAY SECURE

## VOTER FILE LIST MAINTENANCE

As required by federal and state law, South Dakota has a robust voter registration list that goes through a regular maintenance process to ensure out-of-date registrations are removed from the voter rolls.

County auditors regularly update their voter registration lists based on voter requests and data from varying sources that may indicate that a voter has died, moved, registered elsewhere, changed their name, or become otherwise ineligible.



South Dakota Codified Law calls for a post-election audit that reviews voted ballots in five percent of voting precincts, comparing the paper record to the results produced by the voting system. The post election audit in South Dakota will be conducted manually by hand-counting. The post election audit process will thoroughly review procedures performed before, during, and after the conduct of an election. The review of voted ballots is to verify whether the equipment used to count votes worked properly and yielded the correct result. Post-election audits are open to the public.

## POST-ELECTION AUDITS ENSURE ACCURACY