

Voter's Choice Act

Voters choose when, where and how to vote

How it Works

The Voter's Choice Act or VCA (SB 450, authored by Senator Allen) is designed to make voting more convenient and accessible. As part of the VCA, the following changes will be implemented:

- All voters will receive their ballot by mail.
- Voters can fill out their ballot at home and return it 1) via mail, 2) via a Ballot Dropbox or 3) in-person at **any** Vote Center in their county.
- Voters with disabilities may use their own accessible technology to mark their ballot at home.
- Voters can vote in person at a Vote Center for up to 11 days -- even on the weekends.
- Vote Center staff will be available to provide assistance in multiple languages and to help voters with disabilities.

In 2018, Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo counties will implement the VCA. All counties may choose to participate in the VCA starting in 2020.

What Voters Need to Know

In 2018, **Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo counties** are the only counties conducting their elections under the new Voter's Choice Act model.

Voters have **3 choices** for how to vote.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can mail your ballot as soon as you receive it.



BALLOT DROPBOX

You can drop off your ballot at any secure Ballot Dropbox as soon as you receive it. No postage is required at Ballot Dropboxes.



VOTE CENTER

You can vote in person by visiting any Vote Center in your county. All Vote Centers will be open for at least 3 days, starting the Saturday before Election Day and through Election Day. Some Vote Centers will be open for 10 days before the Election and through Election Day.

At every Vote Center you can:

- Vote in person.
- Register and vote the same day, all the way up through Election Day.
- Drop off your completed ballot.
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

* This is an excerpt from the **2018 Election Reform Primer: What Voters Need to Know**. The full document is available at <http://futureofcaelections.org/electionprimer2018/>.

Same Day Voter Registration and the Voter's Choice Act

All Vote Centers offer Same Day Registration and early voting. Voters can visit any Vote Center in their county to register and vote.

Voter Education Resources

Future of California Elections launched the Voter's Choice California Project to support communities implementing the Voter's Choice Act. There are local implementation hubs in each of the five Voter's Choice Act counties, Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo. Email vcc@futureofcaelections.org to get more information.

Visit VotersChoice.org to access open source voter education resources such as a fact sheet, sample text for materials, a Power Point and translated information.

The Secretary of State's Office developed a short PSA video explaining the Voter's Choice Act. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/8qfcejXjIQ0>

Additional voter education materials developed by the Office the Secretary of State are available at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-toolkits/>