

June 30, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION Laws and Regulations for the Primary Election

The 2020 Primary Elections are being conducted mainly by mail, for which eligible registered voters in Salt Lake County were mailed a ballot. Partisan primary elections are processes whereby political parties nominate candidates who will represent their party on the November General Election Ballot. Therefore, voters were mailed a primary ballot based on their party affiliation. Non-partisan local school board primary ballots were mailed to all active voters in applicable districts who were not eligible for a partisan ballot. (Non-partisan school board contests are included on partisan ballots.) Unaffiliated voters were mailed a Ballot Preference Letter and given an option to receive a partisan primary ballot according to the political party rules.

Due to COVID-19, The Legislature amended the election code by passing H.B. 3006 to provide for safer voting for this Primary Election. This law requires the following changes:

- Election Day voting is optional for counties but can only be conducted with a drive-up process.
 - Salt Lake County has opted to offer **Drive-Up Ballot Issuance/Replacement** at limited locations.
 - Ballot packets will be issued to registered voters at the drive-up locations who were eligible to receive a ballot in the mail but did not get one.
 - **Voting will not be conducted** at Drive-Up Ballot Issuance/Replacement Locations, only the issuance of ballot packets to eligible voters.
 - Ballot Packets issued at the Drive-Up Ballot Issuance Locations cannot be mailed. The ballot will need to be voted and deposited at a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day.
- In-person early voting was eliminated.
- Same-day or Election Day voter registration was eliminated.
 - **Voter registration will not be conducted** at these locations. Only active registered voters can be served.
- The ballot postmark deadline is extended to Election Day, instead of the day before Election Day.
- Election Night Results cannot be released until 10:00 p.m. on Election Night.
- The canvassing period is extended from 2 weeks to 3 weeks after Election Day.
- Individuals who need ADA assistance can make an appointment prior to Election Day for an accommodation with their County Clerk.

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT RETURN OPTIONS

RETURN BY MAIL - Vote-by-mail ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope provided in the ballot packet. They must be postmarked no later than **Election Day – June 30th** to be eligible to be counted.

BALLOT DROP BOXES - Twenty drive-thru ballot drop boxes are located throughout the County (*open 24/7*) where voters may return their ballot until **8:00 p.m. on Election Day**. For a list of drop box locations visit the website <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/vote-by-mail/ballot-drop-box-locations/> or contact the office by phone or email.

Click the link below for Drive-Up Ballot Issuance/Replacement Locations for additional information.