

# LIFE CYCLE OF A BALLOT



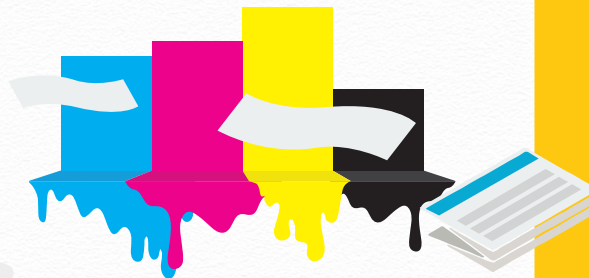
**Ballot content is certified**  
by the Colorado Secretary of State 60 days before Election Day. The Denver Elections Division then creates the election in a tabulation system.

**The ballot is designed**  
and proofed for accuracy.

**Files are sent**  
to the print vendor for production.

**Ballots are mailed**  
22 days before Election Day.

**Tablet ballots are set up**  
and the Denver Elections Division conducts a public Logic and Accuracy Test.



**Drop boxes are checked daily**  
by bipartisan security teams. Cast ballots are returned to DED.

**Election judges prep ballots for sorting**  
which are then date- and time-stamped.

**Signatures are verified**

**Ballots are scanned**  
and imprinted with a number used to conduct risk-limiting audits.

**and prepared for counting.**

**AND FINALLY,**

**Results are tabulated**  
beginning at 7 p.m. on Election Day. Unofficial results are sent to the Secretary of State and posted publicly. In the weeks following, a risk-limiting audit is performed to ensure accuracy, and a bipartisan canvass board certifies the results.

