

CHELAN COUNTY ELECTIONS

Community Outreach Plan: Signature Verification

Chelan County Elections' ongoing practices related to signature verification as an outreach topic.

2025
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PLAN

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SECTION 1:

INTRODUCTION

In June 2024, RCW 29A.40.110 was updated, impacting signature verification processes and requiring elections offices to develop outreach plans to educate voters. This document was created in response to these legal changes and includes information about current voter education addressing the importance of signatures and Chelan County Elections verification processes, as well as plans for sustaining and expanding upon this ongoing work.

In our vote-by-mail system, we verify a voter's signature by comparing the signature on their ballot with signature(s) we have on file in their voter registration record. This verification method works well for most, but not all, voters.

When a voter forgets to sign their ballot or trained staff identify a mismatch between the signature on a ballot and the signature in a voter's record, that voter's ballot is held – or “challenged” – until the voter can respond to the challenge.

Chelan County is dedicated to ensuring we can count every valid ballot. We aim to reduce both initial signature challenge rates, increase cure rates and make signatures less challenging for our voters.

We continue to improve and build on existing work through innovative ideas and sustained efforts, including voter education, text alerts, and our signature update outreach.

The following document outlines our office's current and ongoing practices related to outreach about signature verification. Chelan County Elections will update this document annually.

MATERIALS PREPARED IN SPANISH

The items listed below are part of the community outreach plan as defined in RCW 29A.60 and ESSB 5890 and will be translated into Spanish. This effort aims to ensure that all members of our community have access to important information and resources, regardless of their primary language.

- Signature Mismatch Cure Letter
- Signature Challenges FAQs listed on our website
- Signature Verification Pamphlet

OVERVIEW OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS PROCESS

A voter's signature is a unique identifier used in vote-by-mail elections to verify identity.

Citizens may register to vote in Washington State via a paper registration form, the DOL, or online. For a registration to be valid, a signature is required. That signature is added to the voter's record in the statewide registration database, VoteWA. Each voter is given a unique voter identification number when they are registered.

VoteWA generates a ballot for all eligible voters for each election. The issues/races on a ballot itself are based on the voter's precinct, which is determined by their residential address. Along with the ballot, a postage-paid return envelope which the voter must sign is included. The envelope has a unique ballot ID number printed on it. If a voter requests a replacement ballot or moves during the voting window, a new ballot will be generated with its own unique ballot ID number.

After the voter receives their ballot packet, they vote the ballot and place it inside the secrecy sleeve, which goes inside the return envelope. They then sign the return envelope and return it to Chelan County Elections either through the mail or by depositing it in a ballot drop box.

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION PROCESS

On the ballot return envelope, there is a signature line that a voter must complete. The signature on the ballot envelope must match the signature on file in VoteWA for the envelope to be accepted and opened for ballot processing.

All signatures are manually review by our employees, who are trained in signature verification standards with annual training from the Office of the Secretary of State. Upon initial receipt, ballot envelopes are processed one at a time. A ballot is scanned and the signature is reviewed. If the signature on the envelope is questioned, another signature verification team member will review the signature again. Every signature is reviewed with the presumption that the signature on the ballot declaration is the voter's signature. A team of two employees must reach a consensus on whether a signature is approved or challenged. If they disagree, another team member assists in deciding.

Signatures that remain challenged must undergo a second review, which is done by staff with higher-level permissions and experience. This includes a review of all previous signatures on file in VoteWA and a review of the voters in the household. Once our second level review staff determine that the ballot envelope should remain challenged, staff logs the challenge and the voter will be contacted. If the second level review staff member is still unsure, another second level review staff member will review the ballot also. If that person agrees to challenge the ballot, the ballot is challenged and logged. If at any time two team members agree that is okay to accept, the ballot is scanned as accepted and no challenges are made. The ballot is advanced to the next process (opening and scanning).

Staff call, text, email, and mail a cure notice to voters with challenged signatures within 3 days that their envelope is returned to inform them of their ballot status and the steps needed to cure their envelope.

During the phone call, staff will outline the specific reason for the challenge and how the voter can return a cure letter or utilize our online signature cure portal. Signatures that remain challenged are reviewed by the Canvassing Board before rejection. All signatures that do not match are "pre-screened" as a signature mis-match. While during their review, the Canvassing Board may agree the signature is a match and instruct staff to accept the ballot.

If the signature on the return envelope does not match the signature on file for the voter, the ballot is placed into a secure ballot cage and remains unopened. The envelope will only be opened when/if a cure form is returned that matches the signature on the ballot envelope.

SIGNATURE CURING PROCESS

In Chelan County, ensuring every eligible vote is counted is of utmost importance. When a signature discrepancy is identified, staff take immediate steps to inform the voter and provide them with an opportunity to correct the issue. To facilitate this, voters are asked to provide a phone number and email address on their ballot envelope.

Step 1: Notification of Discrepancy: As soon as a signature discrepancy is detected, Chelan County Elections staff attempt to contact the voter. Multiple communication channels are utilized to ensure that the voter is aware of the issue as quickly as possible. This includes:

Phone Calls: Staff make direct phone calls to voters whose signatures have been challenged. If the voter does not answer, a voicemail is left detailing the steps needed to cure their ballot envelope.

Emails: For voters who have provided an email address, an email notification is sent outlining the discrepancy and instructions for curing their ballot envelope.

Mail: A physical letter along with a cure form is mailed within 24 hours of a challenge, explaining the discrepancy and the necessary steps to resolve it.

Text: If the voter has signed up to receive text messages, a text will be sent as sent outlining the discrepancy and instructions for curing their ballot envelope.

Step 2: Mailing Cure Forms: Every voter with a challenged signature receives a cure form (Appendix 2). This form is essential for the voter to update or confirm their signature. The cure form includes:

- A line for the voter to sign on.
- Clear instructions on how to fill out the form.
- A postage-paid return envelope.

Step 3: Receipt and Verification of Cure Forms: Once the voter returns the completed cure form, the signature on the form is compared to the signature on the ballot envelope. If the signatures match:

- The form is scanned and uploaded into VoteWA, adding the signature for all future elections.
- The ballot envelope is opened, and the secrecy sleeve containing the ballot is removed and shuffled with other ballots to maintain voter anonymity before tabulation.

Step 4: Signature Compliance Check required by Secretary of State's Office: All signatures that are challenged as "signature does not match" are reviewed ("pre-screened") by canvassing board members during a regularly scheduled canvassing board meeting.

Step 5: Reminders made if the voter has not attempted to cure their ballot: If the voter has not responded to the signature cure notice by five business days before certification of the election, we will attempt to notify the voter again.

Phone calls: Staff make direct phone calls to voters whose signatures have been challenged. If the voter does not answer, a voicemail is left detailing the steps needed to cure their ballot envelope.

Emails: For voters who have provided an email address, an email notification is sent outlining the discrepancy and instructions for curing their ballot envelope.

Text: If the voter has signed up to receive text messages, a text will be sent as sent outlining the discrepancy and instructions for curing their ballot envelope.

Step 5: Processing and Deadlines: Cure forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the certification of an election.

SECTION 2:

CURRENT OUTREACH PRACTICES

CURE FORMS AND SIGNATURE UPDATE REQUEST FORMS

Chelan County Elections maintains two essential forms for voter interaction during election cycles: the cure form and the signature update request form (refer to Appendices 2 and 3).

These forms are available in physical form at our office and digitally on our website. Chelan County Elections encourages proactive engagement from voters, allowing them the option to update their signature voluntarily at any point.

A Chelan County Elections team reviews voter signatures on an ongoing basis as voter maintenance best practice. As part of our routine database maintenance, staff identify voters with older signatures. As these signatures are identified a signature update notice is sent, requesting the voter provide an updated signature. The inclusion of more signatures, particularly recent ones, enhances the accuracy and integrity of the voter database.

Additionally, Chelan County Elections has been proactive in ensuring language accessibility by offering the signature update form and cure letter in **Spanish** since 2024. Recognizing the diverse linguistic needs of our community, a priority is placed on facilitating communication in dual languages. The signature verification cure letter mailed to voters includes dual language.

CALLS TO VOTERS

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the cure process and ensuring the integrity of the voting process, Chelan County Elections implemented two updates to improve communication with voters who have challenged signatures.

1) Same-day calls to voters with challenged signatures: Our signature verification staff take immediate action by personally calling voters within hours of a signature challenge and follow a guiding script (Appendix 4). This proactive approach promptly informs voters about the challenge, makes them aware of the forthcoming letter, and provides a more personalized interaction. Considerable resources have been dedicated to staffing a phonebank and using real people instead of relying on robocalls. During these calls, staff relay the reasons for the challenge and the ways a voter can cure their ballot envelope by using the online or email cure options if a voter does not want to wait for the letter.

2) Calling parents of young voters residing in the same household: Improving outreach to younger voters is a priority for Chelan County Elections, especially considering their

susceptibility to signature challenges. To address this, we've implemented a targeted strategy: when a young voter's record indicates they reside with their parents, staff proactively reaches out to the parents. Staff request their assistance in resolving any signature challenges their young voter may face.

REDESIGNED CURE ENVELOPES

Previously, the overall branding and design of our outgoing and prepaid return signature challenge letter envelopes lacked cohesion. The outgoing envelope was a standard white while the return envelope was yellow. Neither envelope grabbed recipients' attention, and both failed to convey the importance of its contents. This disjointed approach was a missed opportunity to engage voters effectively and convey the significance of our correspondence.

To address these deficiencies, Chelan County Elections initiated a thorough redesign effort. The new envelopes were crafted to match the branding of our ballot envelopes. By incorporating consistent branding elements such as colors, fonts, and imagery, the redesigned envelopes now serve as recognizable symbols of election-related communication.

The overarching objective of this initiative was twofold: to enhance the clarity and impact of signature challenge letters and to foster greater engagement and responsiveness among voters. By presenting a cohesive and visually appealing package, the redesigned envelopes effectively convey to recipients that the enclosed correspondence is directly linked to the ongoing election and merits their attention. (Appendix 5)

CURE LETTER REDESIGN

As part of our comprehensive initiative to enhance the cure process and improve communication with voters, Chelan County Elections has focused on redesigning the cure form. While the Washington Secretary of State provides a generic template for each county to use, Chelan County Elections recognized an opportunity to personalize this crucial communication tool.

Matching our branding guidelines, several visual enhancements were incorporated to make the cure form distinctly Chelan County. It also makes it more visually engaging and easier for recipients to navigate.

In addition to color, our logo was strategically incorporated into the design, further reinforcing the connection between the form and Chelan County Elections. The inclusion of our logo serves as a visual identifier, instilling both trust and familiarity among voters as they interact with the document. (Appendix 2)

LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Chelan County includes the importance of signatures in all local voters' pamphlets and inserts.

Signature Verification Requirement and Cure

Sometimes signatures change. If that is the case, don't worry! We will send you a form to update your signature. If we have a phone number on file for you, we will also call you to remind you to return your form. Need a reminder of what signature we have for you? Take a look at your Driver's License. Many people register to vote when they apply/renew their Driver's License, so that is the signature we would have on file for you.

YOUR
Signature 
MATTERS

Chelan County Elections employees are trained in signature verification. They compare your signature on the return envelope to the signature we have on file for you.

Signature challenges occur when a voter does not sign the back of the ballot return envelope or when the signature on the return envelope does not match the signature(s) in their voter registration record. Any voter with a signature challenge can fix the issue and have their ballot counted by filling out and returning a form to Chelan County Elections before the day the election results are certified.

If you would like to update your signature for future elections, simply scan the QR Code to print a signature update form. You can mail the form back to us at the address listed on the form.



SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FAQ WEBPAGE

Chelan County knows the importance of how we cure signatures and our goal is to ensure cure forms are easily accessible. Our Signature Verification FAQ webpage hopes to answer these questions. <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/elections/pages/signature-challenges>

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION OUTREACH PAMPHLET

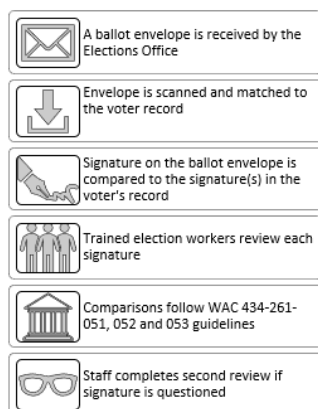
We will provide a signature verification outreach pamphlet for anyone interested in using. They will be also available in our office at the front counter. A signature update form will be printed on the back side.

(Page 1) Signature Verification Outreach Pamphlet

Signature Verification



In order for your signature on the ballot envelope to be verified; the following steps need to occur:



Curing A Signature Challenge

When a signature is challenged because the envelope is either unsigned or it does not match the signature on record, a cure form is mailed to the voter. In addition, we will also contact the voter via email, phone, and text (must be subscribed), if we have an email address or phone number on file.

The elections office will reach out to those voters (using contact information provided) who haven't returned their form at least 5 business days before certification.

The completed cure form must be received by the Chelan County Elections by 5:00p.m. the day before the elections is certified in order for the ballot to be included in the final results. Forms can be returned by email, fax, mail or in-person.

A secondary identification can be provided for only those who received a signature does not match letter. It must show both your name and current address (other than your voter registration card):

- Driver's license, instruction permit, or state ID number
- Last 4 of SSN
- Photo ID
- Valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in WA
- Copy of current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check
- Another government document

Updating Your Signature

Signatures in your voting record are received through the following methods:

- Department of Licensing
- Voter Registration forms
- Signature update forms
- Confirmation cards
- Address update forms
- Online Voter Registration

Over time, your signature or name may change; it is best practice to ensure the Elections department has this information.

Forms can be located on the Chelan County Elections website:
www.Elections.ChelanCountyWA.gov

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Wenatchee, WA 98801

Phone: 509-667-6808
Email: elections@co.chelan.wa.us
Fax: 509-667-6818

Signature Update Form

 The signature in your voter registration file needs to be updated.

1. Provide your information.

Providing your phone number and email address is optional. We only use this information to contact you with questions about your voter registration or ballot.

first name

last name

date of birth

phone number (optional)

email address (optional)

2. Read the declaration.

Voter Registration
Declaration:

I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I am a Washington state resident, and I am at least sixteen years old. I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction, and I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

3. Sign and date below.

Provide up to three signatures on this form. All signatures will be added to your record and will be compared against your returned signature when you vote.

Questions? Please call
(509) 667-6808 or email
elections@co.chelan.wa.us

A signature stamp or Power of Attorney is not acceptable.

X

Date

X

Date

X

Date

APPENDIX 1. WAC 434-261-053

[WAC 434-261-053](#)

Ballot declaration signature cure process.

(1) If a ballot declaration signature is not accepted following secondary review, the voter used a mark or signature stamp but did not include witnesses, or if the ballot declaration was not signed, the ballot cannot be counted until the voter cures their signature. The voter identified on the ballot return envelope must be notified as soon as practicable, but no later than three business days following receipt, of the procedure for curing their signature by:

(a) A notice letter package sent by first class mail with a signature update form or a missing signature form. The forms must include the ballot declaration required by WAC [434-230-015](#). The notice letter package must also include a prepaid envelope in which to return a completed signature update or missing signature form. The notice letter must:

(i) Be in substantially the same form as the sample notice letter created by the secretary of state; and

(ii) Be available in all languages required by the Department of Justice.

(b) Phone (if the voter has provided a phone number);

(c) Text message (if the voter has opted into text message notifications); and

(d) Email (if the voter has provided an email address).

(2) The voter may cure their ballot signature no later than the close of business the day before the election is certified.

(3) A voter may cure a missing signature by:

(a) Returning a signed missing signature form. The signature on the form must be compared to the voter's signature in the voter registration record using the process described in WAC [434-261-052](#); or

(b) Appearing in person and signing the ballot declaration. The signature on the ballot declaration must be compared to the voter's signature in the voter registration record using the process described in WAC [434-261-052](#).

(4) A voter using a mark may cure a failure to have two witnesses attest to the ballot declaration signature by returning a missing signature form. The form must contain the voter's mark and the signatures of two witnesses.

(5) A voter may cure a nonmatching signature by either:

(a) Returning a signature update form or appearing in person and signing a new registration form.

(i) The signature on the form must be compared to the signature on the ballot declaration using the process described in WAC [434-261-052](#);

(ii) The signature on the form is saved as a new signature in the voter registration record for the current and future elections; or

(b) Providing valid secondary identity verification. The county auditor must verify the secondary identification is for the voter who signed the ballot declaration. Secondary identification may be:

(i) The last four digits of the voter's Social Security number or the voter's full driver's license number or state identity card number;

(ii) Photo identification, valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Washington state, copy of a current utility bill or current bank statement, copy of a current government check, copy of a current paycheck, or a government document, other than a voter registration card, that shows both the name and address of the voter; or

(iii) A multifactor authentication code, from a system approved by the secretary of state, the county auditor sent to the voter's phone number or email address that has previously been provided by the voter.

If a voter successfully provides secondary identity verification and confirms, orally or in writing, that the voter in fact returned the ballot, the ballot must be accepted unless two persons who have received signature verification training under WAC [434-261-051](#)(7) conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that a person other than the voter signed the ballot declaration. This conclusion may be based on evidence including, but not limited to, other ballots in the same election bearing the same signature.

(6) If the registered voter asserts that the signature on the ballot declaration is not the voter's signature prior to 8:00 p.m. on election day, the voter may vote a provisional ballot.

(7) If the voter does not successfully cure their signature by close of business the day before certification of the election, the ballot must be sent to the canvassing board.

(8) A record must be kept of the process used to cure ballot envelopes with missing and mismatched signatures. The record must contain the date on which each voter was contacted, the notice was mailed, and the date on which each voter subsequently submitted a signature to cure the missing or mismatched signature.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [29A.04.611](#). WSR 24-07-018, § 434-261-053, filed 3/8/24, effective 5/4/24.]

APPENDIX 2. CURE FORM – SIGNATURE DOES NOT MATCH

English



We want to make sure we count your vote. Take action!

Dear Voter,

We received your ballot for the August 2024 Primary Special Election. However, the signature on your return envelope does not match closely enough with the signature we have on your voter registration record.

To resolve this issue, complete the form included with this letter. The form you fill out must:

- include a signature that matches the signature on your returned ballot envelope, OR
- confirm that the ballot is yours by providing another proof of your identity, which can include one of the following:
 1. The last four digits of your Social Security number
 2. Your full Washington state driver's license number, driver's permit number or state identity card number
 3. Any of the alternate forms of identification listed. Provide a copy of one of the following:
 - valid photo identification
 - valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Washington state;
 - copy of a current utility bill or current bank statement;
 - copy of a current government check;
 - copy of a current paycheck, or a government document (other than a voter registration card) showing the voter's name AND address.

Please complete and return the signature resolution form included no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday, August 19, 2024. Please sign the form as close as possible to the way you signed your ballot envelope to resolve the issue.

You can check the status of your ballot at www.VoteWA.gov. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Chelan County Elections at 509-667-6808.

Sincerely,
Chelan County Elections

Signature Resolution Form

1. Read the ballot declaration

Ballot declaration

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am: A United States citizen; A Washington state resident that meets the requirements for voting mandated by state law; At least 18 years old on election day, or 17 years old at the primary and 18 years old by the day of the November General Election; Voting only once in this election and not voting in any other United States jurisdiction; Not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction or currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction; Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and Aware it is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot and that attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this declaration is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Voter oath

I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I am a Washington state resident, and I am at least sixteen years old. I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction, and I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

2a. Sign and date below (required)

By signing below or by providing another form of ID and returning this document you are confirming that you were the one who voted the ballot. All signatures below will be added to your voter registration record. Providing different versions of your signature can help avoid a similar issue in the future.

Today's Date

X _____ / /

Today's Date

X _____ / /

Today's Date

X _____ / /

If you are unable to write your signature, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below. You may not use power of attorney to sign for someone else.

signature of witness 1

signature of witness 2

2b. or provide another way to verify your identity:

Driver's license, driver's permit, or state ID number: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____

See next side.

3. Provide your contact information (optional)

Please provide us with your contact information. This information is not public and would only be used by our office to contact you with questions about your voter registration or ballot.

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ I would like to receive text and email notifications about my ballot status in future elections.

4. Return this form so we can count your ballot

We must receive this completed form before the deadline to count your ballot. Here is how you can return it:

1. Email to elections@co.chelan.wa.us – take a clear photo or scan of the entire form.
2. Mail with the included return envelope – no stamp needed.
3. In person at Chelan County Elections – 350 Orondo Ave STE 306, Wenatchee, WA 98801.
4. Fax to (509) 667-6818.

We must receive this form by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024 to count your ballot.

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Queremos asegurarnos de que su voto sea contado. ¡Tome acción!

Estimado(a) Votante,

Hemos recibido su boleta para la elección Primaria de agosto. Sin embargo, la firma en su sobre de devolución no coincide lo suficiente con la firma que tenemos en nuestros archivos.

Para resolver este problema, complete el formulario incluido en esta carta. El formulario que usted complete debe:

- incluir una firma que coincida con la firma que consta en su sobre de devolución de la boleta, o
- confirmar que la boleta es suya al proporcionar otra prueba de su identidad, que podría incluir una de las siguientes opciones:
 1. Los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de su Seguro Social
 2. El número completo de su licencia de conducir del Estado de Washington, número de su permiso de conducir o el número de su tarjeta de identificación (ID) estatal.
 3. Cualquiera de las formas alternativas de identificación enumeradas. Proporcione una copia de uno de los siguientes.
 - identificación válida con foto;
 - una tarjeta de inscripción de una tribu en Washington federalmente reconocida;
 - un cobro reciente de una empresa de servicio público;
 - un estado de cuenta bancario reciente;
 - un cheque reciente del gobierno;
 - un cheque de paga reciente; o
 - un documento del gobierno que no sea una tarjeta electoral y que muestre su nombre y domicilio.

Debe llenar y devolver el formulario de resolución de firma a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., Hora del Pacífico, del lunes, 19 de agosto de 2024. Si escoge la opción de la firma, por favor firme el formulario lo más cerca posible a la forma que firmó en el sobre de su boleta para resolver este problema.

Puede consultar el estado de su boleta en www.VoteWA.gov. Por favor tome a consideración de que el procesamiento tomará entre 3 a 5 días laborables.

Si tiene preguntas sobre esta carta, por favor comuníquese con el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Chelan al 509-667-6808.

Sinceramente,

Chelan County Elections

Formulario de resolución de firma

1. Lea la declaración de la boleta y el juramento de la inscripción electoral

Declaración de la boleta

Yo solemnemente juro o afirmo bajo pena de perjurio que: Soy ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos; Soy residente del estado de Washington y cumpla con los requisitos de votación exigidos por la ley estatal; Tendré por lo menos 18 años de edad el día de la elección, o tendré 17 años de edad en la primaria y 18 años de edad en la elección general de noviembre; Votaré sólo una vez en esta elección y no votaré en ninguna otra jurisdicción de los Estados Unidos; No estoy cumpliendo una sentencia de confinamiento total bajo la jurisdicción del Departamento de Correcciones debido a una condena por delito grave (felonía) en Washington ni estoy encarcelado actualmente por una condena por delito grave (felonía) federal o en otro estado; No estoy descalificado para votar debido a una orden judicial; y Soy Consciente de que es ilegal falsificar una firma o votar con la boleta de otra persona y que intentar votar cuando no es elegible, intentar votar más de una vez, o falsificar la firma en esta declaración es un delito grave sujeto a un máximo de cinco años de encarcelamiento, o a un máximo de \$10,000 de multa, o ambos.

Juramento del Elector

Yo declaro que los datos en este formulario de inscripción electoral son verdaderos. Soy ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, soy residente del estado de Washington, y tendré por los menos 16 años de edad. No estoy descalificado para votar debido a una orden judicial, y no estoy cumpliendo una sentencia de confinamiento total bajo la jurisdicción del departamento de correcciones debido a una condena por delito grave (felonía) en Washington, y no estoy encarcelado actualmente por una condena por delito grave (felonía) federal o en otro estado.

2a. Firme y escriba la fecha abajo

Al firmar abajo o al proporcionar otra forma de identificación y al devolver este documento, usted está confirmando que fue usted quien votó en la boleta. Todas las firmas de abajo serán agregadas a su registro de inscripción electoral. Proporcionar diferentes versiones de su firma puede ayudar a evitar problemas con su firma en el futuro.

X _____

Fecha de hoy
mm/dd/aa

_____/_____/____

X _____

Fecha de hoy
mm/dd/aa

_____/_____/____

Si no puede firmar, haga una marca arriba en el espacio para la firma. Haga que dos personas atestigüen su marca y firmen abajo. No puede usar un poder notarial para firmar en nombre de otra persona.

firma de testigo 1

firma de testigo 2

2b. o proporcione otra manera de verificar su identidad

Número de licencia de conducir, número de su permiso de conducir, número de su tarjeta de identificación (ID) estatal

Últimos 4 dígitos de su Seguro Social _____

Vea el siguiente lado.

3. Proporcione sus datos de contacto (opcional)

Por favor proporciónenos sus datos de contacto. Esta información no es pública y solamente sería usada por nuestra oficina para contactarlo(a) sobre su inscripción electoral o su boleta.

Correo electrónico

Teléfono

_____ Me gustaría recibir notificaciones mediante mensajes de texto y correo electrónico sobre el estado de mi boleta en futuras elecciones.

4. Devuelva este formulario para que podamos contar su boleta

Debemos recibir este formulario completo antes de la fecha límite para contar su boleta.

Aquí están las opciones de cómo puede devolverlo:

1. Envíelo por correo electrónico a elections@co.chelan.wa.us – tome una foto o escaneo claro de todo el fomulario.
2. Envíelo por correo postal en el sobre de devolución que está incluido en esta carta – no se necesita estampilla.
3. Entréguelo en persona en el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Chelan – 350 Orondo Ave STE 306, Wenatchee, WA 98801
4. Envíelo por fax al (509) 667-6818.

Devuelva este formulario a más tardar, a las 5:00 p.m. del 19 de agosto de 2024

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APPENDIX 3. SIGNATURE UPDATE LETTER



RE: Signature Update

Dear Voter,

In each election, we compare the signature on your return envelope to the signature on your voter registration record. A ballot may only be counted if we can match it to the signature(s) on your record.

Signature change over time. That's why it's important to keep your signature up to date between elections.

To avoid an issue with your signature in the future, update and return the form on the reverse of this letter. You can return this form in the included prepaid envelope, or by email at elections@co.chelan.wa.us.

To provide an updated address or receive any other assistance, please contact us at 509-667-6808 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or by email at elections@co.chelan.wa.us.

Best regards,

Chelan County Elections

Signature Update form

Please complete and return this signature update form. For more information on signatures and why they matter in elections, visit elections.wa.gov

1. Read the declaration (required by law)

I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I am a Washington State resident, and I am at least sixteen years old. I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction, and I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

2. Sign and date below (at least one signature required)

Provide up to three signatures on this form. All signatures will be added to your record and will be compared against your returned signature when you vote. If you have different versions of your signature it can be helpful to have them all on file.

X _____ Today's Date ____/____/____
Today's Date

X _____ Today's Date ____/____/____
Today's Date

X _____ Today's Date ____/____/____

If you are unable to write your signature, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below. You may not use power of attorney to sign for someone else.

signature of witness 1

signature of witness 2

3. Provide your contact information (optional)

Please provide us with your contact information. This information is not public and would only be used by our office to contact you with questions about your voter registration or ballot.

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ I would like to receive text and email notifications about my ballot status in future elections.

4. Return this form in the enclosed envelope

Here is how you can return it:

1. Email to elections@co.chelan.wa.us – take a clear photo or scan of the entire form
2. Mail with the included return envelope – no stamp needed
3. In person at Chelan County Elections – 350 Orondo Ave, Level 3, Wenatchee, WA 98801
4. Fax to (509) 667-6818.

UNSIGNED BALLOT SCRIPT

Hello, this is message is from Chelan County Elections.

We received your ballot for the _____ Election; however, you forgot to sign it. You will receive a letter in the next couple of days. Please sign it and return it in the envelope we provide no later than 5:00 pm on _____ to be sure your vote counts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 509-667-6808.

Thank you.

SIGNATURE DOES NOT MATCH SCRIPT

Hello, this is message is from Chelan County Elections.

We received your ballot for the _____ Election; however, your signature does not match the signature we have on your voter's registration file. You will receive a letter in the next couple of days. Please sign the letter as you signed your ballot and return it in the envelope we provide, no later than 5:00 pm on _____ to be sure your vote counts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 509-667-6808.

Thank you.

NO WITNESS BALLOT SCRIPT

Hello, this is message is from Chelan County Elections.

We received your ballot for the _____ Election; however, the mark or signature stamp made on the signature line does not include witnesses. You will receive a letter in the next couple of days. Please sign it and return it in the envelope we provide no later than 5:00 pm on _____ to be sure your vote counts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 509-667-6808.

Thank you.

NO MARK OR SIGNATURE STAMP BUT HAS WITNESSES BALLOT SCRIPT

Hello, this is message is from Chelan County Elections.

We received your ballot for the _____ Election; however, there is no mark or signature stamp made by the voter included on the signature line with the included witnesses. You will receive a letter in the next couple of days. Please sign it and return it in the envelope we provide no later than 5:00 pm on _____ to be sure your vote counts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 509-667-6808.

APPENDIX 5. NEW DESIGN FOR ENVELOPES

