



# Did you know that your signature is an important piece of the voting process?

Election workers compare the signature on your return ballot envelope to the signature(s) in your voter registration record.

If you forget to sign the envelope or your signature does not match, you will receive a notice from the Elections office advising you of the issue and how to fix or “cure” it. You have until the 21<sup>st</sup> day after the election to cure your signature issue and have your ballot counted!

What can you do to ensure your signature matches?

- 1. Sign your natural signature.** If you don't usually sign with a middle initial or full name, don't sign your ballot envelope with them. Election workers are trained to look for specific characteristics within each signature. If you think your signature has changed significantly, contact the Elections office or complete and return the voter registration application.
- 2. Don't sign another persons name.** Even if someone gives you permission to sign, or you have power of attorney, it's against the law in Oregon to sign another person's name on a return ballot envelope.
- 3. Request help if you have difficulty signing.** If it's difficult for you to sign, on either a temporary or permanent basis, you can complete a signature attestation form and return it along with a new voter registration form. Completing these forms will allow you to use a signature stamp or other indicator that represents your signature.
- 4. Correct a mistake if you accidentally sign your name on someone in your household's envelope.** If you and another person in your household sign each other's return ballot envelopes, simply place a line through the incorrect signature(s) and sign the correct envelope(s). Election workers are trained to look for such issues.

If you have questions about signing your envelope or curing a signature issue, please visit [lanecounty.org/elections](http://lanecounty.org/elections) or contact the Elections office.

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**We want to help!!!**

