



# California

## Secretary of State

# How to Fix a Missing or Noncomparable Signature on Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return Envelope

## ✓ Possible Issues With Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballot Return Envelopes

- **Missing Signature:** You forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.
- **Signature Doesn't Compare:** Your signature doesn't compare with the one on file with the elections official.

## ✓ What Happens Next?

- **Notification:** If there's an issue with your ballot, your county elections office will notify you by mail, phone, email, or from the Secretary of State's ["Where's My Ballot?"](#) tool.
- **How to Fix It:** You can access a form on your county elections official's website to provide your signature and confirm that you voted your ballot.
  - ◇ Check your mail or email for instructions from your county elections office.
  - ◇ Fill out the form and follow instructions on how to return the form.
  - ◇ Your options to return the form may vary by county.
  - ◇ Failure to follow instructions may result in your ballot not being counted.

## ✓ Stay Informed With "Where's My Ballot?"

- **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Get automatic updates on your ballot's status by signing up for ["Where's My Ballot?"](#)
- Receive notifications via **text, email, or phone** about:
  - ◇ When your ballot is mailed
  - ◇ When it is received
  - ◇ If it has been counted
  - ◇ If there are issues that need to be fixed
- **Sign up today at:** [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov)

## ✓ Important Deadlines for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election:

- **Mail ballots:** Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received not later than 7 days after Election Day. To ensure your ballot is postmarked by Election Day make sure to mail it at least five days before Election Day, June 2, 2026. If mailing on Election Day, get a manual postmark from a postal employee inside a United States Post Office.
- **Deadline:** The deadline to fix your missing or noncomparable signature is 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2026.

For more information, visit [vote.ca.gov](https://vote.ca.gov) or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



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