Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures

Scoring

- State fully counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct, 1 point
- State partially counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct ((votes are counted for races in which the voter would have been eligible to cast a ballot for in their correct precinct), ½ point
- State does not count provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct or does not issue provisional ballots, 0 points
- Note: While the federal Help America Vote Act requires states to allow provisional ballots, certain states were exempted from this requirement at the time the law was passed. Of those states, Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and North Dakota currently do not issue provisional ballots. Those states are given a score of zero.
- No updates required since January 9, 2023

Alabama (0)

Alaska (1/2)

Arizona (0)

Arkansas (0)

California (1/2)

Colorado (1)
Connecticut (0)

Delaware (0)

D.C. (0)

Florida (0)

Georgia (0)

Hawaii (0)

Idaho (0)
- State does not issue provisional ballots.

Illinois (1/2)

Indiana (0)

Iowa (0)
Kansas (1/2)

Kentucky (0)

Louisiana (1/2)

Maine (1/2)

Maryland (1/2)

Massachusetts (1/2)

Michigan (0)

Minnesota (0)
- State does not issue provisional ballots.

Mississippi (0)

Missouri (0)
Montana (1)


Nebraska (0)


Nevada (0)


New Hampshire (0)

- State does not issue provisional ballots.

New Jersey (1/2)


New Mexico (1/2)


New York (1/2)

- State partially counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct (NY SB 284 (2022)).

North Carolina (1/2)


North Dakota (0)

- State does not issue provisional ballots.

Ohio (1/2)

- State partially counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct in some circumstances (Ohio Secretary of State).
Oklahoma (0)

Oregon (1)

Pennsylvania (1/2)

Rhode Island (0)

South Carolina (0)

South Dakota (0)

Tennessee (0)

Texas (0)

Utah (1/2)

Vermont (0)
Virginia (0)
- State does not count provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct (U.S. Election Assistance Commission [2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey]).

Washington (1)
- State fully counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct (U.S. Election Assistance Commission [2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey]).

West Virginia (1/2)
- State partially counts provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct (U.S. Election Assistance Commission [2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey]).

Wisconsin (0)
- State does not count provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct (U.S. Election Assistance Commission [2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey]).

Wyoming (0)