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# ELECTION GLOSSARY

**Election Key Terms & Phrases**





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## Election 2024 Election Volunteer Terms

**Canvass** - Efforts by political parties and issue groups to identify supporters, persuade the undecided, register voters and cultivate support

**Canvass monitoring** - Parties and candidates are permitted to designate authorized representatives to observe the pre-canvass and canvass meetings where mail-in and absentee ballots are counted and recorded

**Poll officer** - Individuals that monitor the opening and closing of voting locations and the voting process

**Poll watcher** - An appointee certified by the county to observe polling places and ensure nobody is doing anything illegal

**Reconciliation** - Ensure the number of ballots cast matches the number of voters who participated in the election process

**Voter list maintenance** - The ongoing process election officials do to maintain accurate voter rolls



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# Mail-In Voting Terms & Definitions

**Ballot harvesting** - Illegal collection and delivery of mail-in ballots

**Cure period** - Time period for voters to update rejected ballots with missing information and ensure the vote is counted

**Mail-in ballots** - Ballot sent before election day through the mail. Can be returned through the mail or dropped off at the county elections office, satellite office locations or drop box; **absentee ballots**, those cast by a voter other than in-person on election day are a type of mail-in ballot

**Naked ballot** - Mail ballot returned without a secrecy envelope

**Secretary of the Commonwealth** - Chief election officer appointed by the Governor

**Statutorily required audit** - A statistical recount in a given county of a random sample of at least 2% of the ballots cast or 2,000 ballots, whichever is fewer