



THE LIFE OF A **BALLOT**

2 CHECKING THE BALLOT



County clerks submit their ballot templates to the Wisconsin Elections Commission for review.



3 A BALLOT IS BORN



Approved ballots go to print.

1 GETTING ON THE BALLOT



Candidates qualify through the nomination and primary processes

5 ABSENTEE VOTING



Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to voters who request them. Voters vote them and mail or otherwise return them to the clerk's office.



4 BALLOTS GO LOCAL

Ballots are delivered to counties who distribute them to the municipalities.

8 BALLOTS ARE COUNTED



All ballots received by 8pm on Election Day are counted. This may take a while in large municipalities, so unofficial results based on ballot count for large elections may not be posted until the following day.

SECURED & VERIFIED

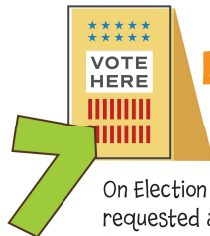
Once counted, voted ballots are secured by the municipal clerk's office and submitted to the county for another round of counting & verification before storing them for the amount of time required by state statute.



6 IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING



Beginning 14 days before the election, voters may go to the municipal clerk's office to request, vote, and submit their absentee ballots.



ELECTION DAY!

On Election Day, ballots are requested and voted in person by registered voters. Clerks begin to count absentee ballots.

