

Mail voting is easier. It's more convenient. But it is less democratic, because a democracy is only as good as it accurately represents the will of the voters.

Mail Voting ...

... significantly increases undervotes and overvotes.

... forces election workers to guess some voters' intent.

... relies on the postal system to deliver ballots to the voter, then to the county.

... increases the chances of a vote being lost due to the ballot being destroyed or lost.

... relies on a very weak security measure: amateur signature verification.

... has a much less accurate tabulation procedure.

More chances for error means more opportunity for fraud!

Vote for change by changing how you vote: exercise your right to use the electronic voting machine at the Snohomish County Auditor's office between September 8 and September 19, 2006.

BEFORE YOU VOTE:

- Fill out your absentee ballot and fully prepare it as soon as you get it. This way, just in case something happens and you cannot vote at the machine, you can just mail or drop off your paper ballot.

- You cannot vote on the voting machine if you've already sent in your absentee ballot.

- Pass the word!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your filled-out ballot, just in case

- Your valid state-issued photo ID

AT THE POLL:

- Let disabled people ahead of you in line!

- If you are in a hurry, don't show up on Election Day, do it the week before, because lines might be long.

- If you show up at the polling place before 8 p.m. on Election Day, they must let you cast your votes (RCW 29A.44.070), so do not worry about the line being too long if you show up late: they have to stay open as long as you arrive before 8 p.m.