



# Macomb County Clerk Register of Deeds

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## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding On-line Ballot Images

Since November 2021 the Macomb County Clerk's office has retained the ballot images from the tabulators and the corresponding Cast Vote Record (CVR) of each ballot. This was an effort to establish transparency and allow individuals to view the accuracy of the election results.

In February 2026 we launched the next step in transparency by putting these images and corresponding CVRs on our county website. This will allow the general public to review election results at their convenience. We accomplished this with a product called "Ballot Verifier".

### What is the Ballot Verifier?

It is a platform for viewing, comparing and checking the count of every ballot and CVR in an election. It proactively makes granular election data readily accessible online, eliminating barriers to transparency.

### How do I access historical Ballots?

[Ballot Verifier | Macomb County Clerk's Office](#) These ballot images are currently only available for the November 2025 election. In the coming months, results will go back as far as November 2024. We will, however, retain ballot images as far back as November 2021 in our Election Management System.

### How soon after an election will ballots be available to view?

Ballots will be available to view via Ballot Verifier approximately 14 days after the certification by the highest level of canvass required for the specific election. i.e. County Board of Canvassers or Board of State Canvassers.

### How does this provide transparency in the elections process?

The public can verify that every ballot cast is accounted for, and every ballot cast adds up to the official results from the comfort of their own device. Users can view images and Cast Vote Records (CVR) 24/7 for every supported election.

## How do we protect voter anonymity while displaying ballot images and cast vote records (CVRs)?

Our Voter Privacy Masking feature ensures that ballots and cast vote records from low-turnout geographies and filter combinations are redacted and inaccessible, to ensure all ballots and CVRs remain fully anonymous and a voter's right to a secret ballot is fully maintained.

Additionally, images and data are randomized. For example, the first ballot image in a precinct is not necessarily the first vote cast in that precinct.

## Is this ADA compliant?

Yes, it is fully compliant with WCAG 2.1 AA-Level standards.

## Whose data is being used?

The counties, cities and townships still maintain their own election records. No outside organizations acquire or take ownership of election data. Rather, an outside firm repackages the county's results data in a searchable format for the public.

## Are ballots tied to a specific voter? How do you ensure voter privacy?

Ballots are not tied to a specific voter and there is no Personal Identifying Information on ballots displayed. We also ensure voter privacy by using voter privacy masking: if a precinct shows ballots cast under a certain number threshold, then we redact those ballots and candidate vote numbers while still ensuring the count reconciles.

## For ballot styles with small numbers of ballots cast (VAT or Split Precinct ballots), how is Voter Privacy maintained?

In cases where there are few ballots cast due to the number of voters in either the precinct or the ballot style, we redact the ballot and precinct level candidate vote numbers accordingly. This does not take away from the official count and makes up a tiny fraction (usually <1%) of all ballots cast.

## What if a precinct/race doesn't balance?

The outside firm conducts quality assurance at multiple steps to make sure the precincts, races, and all other pertinent information balances with the official record maintained by the county, cities and townships.