How We Got Here

• June 2 Presidential Primary
  • Predominately mail ballot election
  • All voters received a mail ballot application
  • Mail ballot applications returned to a central location but processed locally

• Cities/Towns were barely able to keep up with the influx of mail ballot applications

• Over 100,000 voters voted by mail (previous record was 41,000)
Lessons Learned - Task Force

• Needed to make changes quickly to handle September primary/November general election
• Process mail ballot applications centrally
• RI National Guard
• Revamp voter registration system’s mail ballot module
• Less than a month to revamp, test, and roll out the mail ballot module in our VR system
• Streamline the data entry process for over 90% of mail ballot applications
• Ensure the security of mail ballots
• Supreme Court case
## Signature Verification

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How voting by mail works in Rhode Island

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage Rhode Islanders to vote safely from home with a mail ballot. This illustration explains the safe and secure mail ballot process in Rhode Island.

1. Fill out and sign your mail ballot application.
2. Return it by the date indicated at the top of the form.
3. Signature Verification
   - Elections officials will verify your signature on the mail ballot application with your signature in the voter registration system.
4. Let’s Vote!
   - A ballot will be mailed to you.
   - Cast your vote and place your ballot in the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope.
5. Your ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 8 p.m. the day of the election.
6. Signature Verification
   - Elections officials will verify your signature on the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope with the one on your mail ballot application.
7. Once your signature is verified, your mail ballot will be removed and inserted into a voting machine to be counted by

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