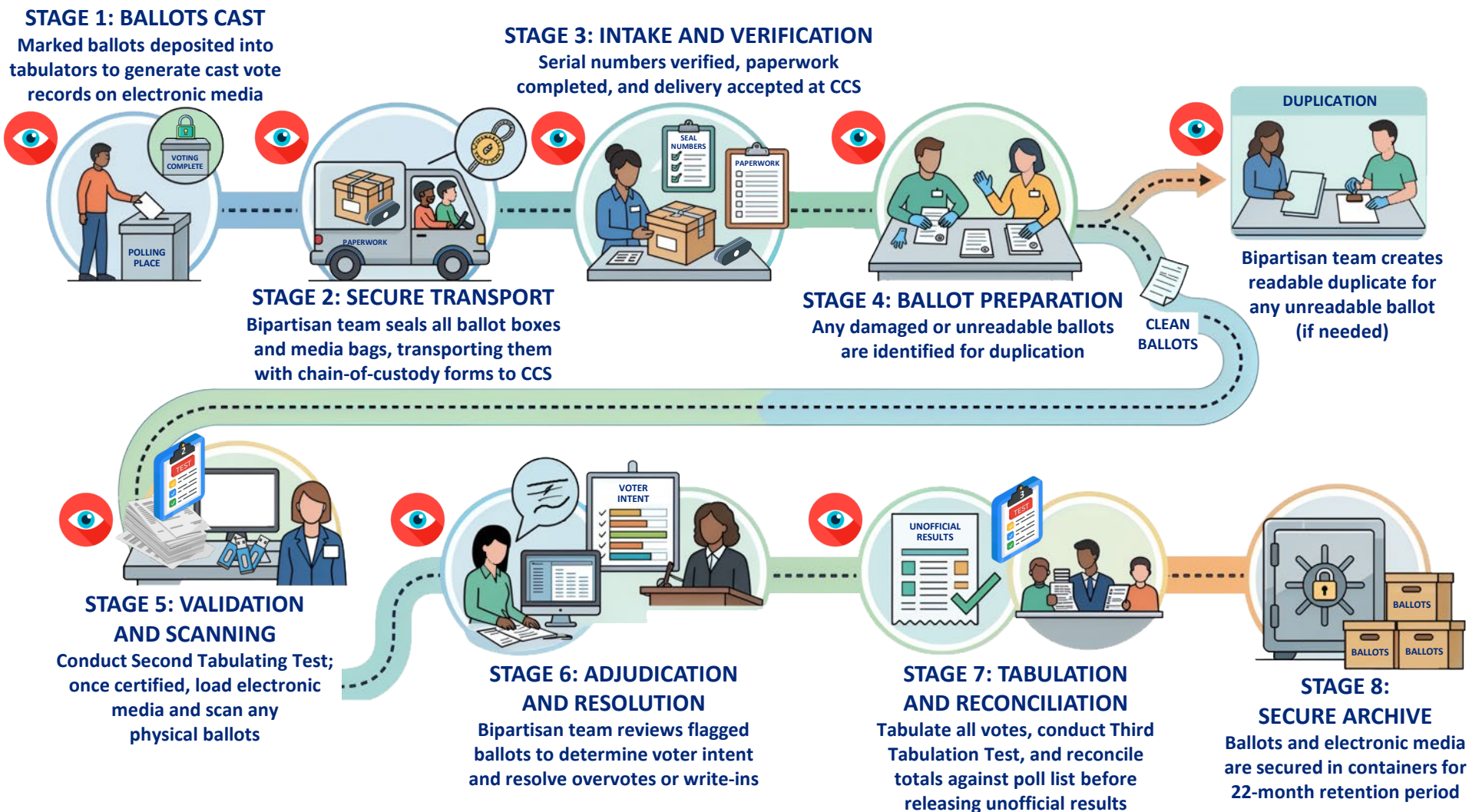




BALLOT PROCESSING LIFECYCLE

The post-election process begins with the secure transport of sealed ballot boxes and media bags to the central counting station (CCS). The tabulating equipment is tested before and after the scanning process. During scanning, officials adjudicate flagged ballots to determine voter intent before results are tabulated. After a thorough reconciliation, all election materials are moved to secure storage for the required retention period.



Learn more about Central Counting Station operations by downloading the handbook at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/central-counting-station-handbook.pdf. To understand the specific rights and responsibilities of poll watchers, review the guide at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pollwatchers-guide.pdf.