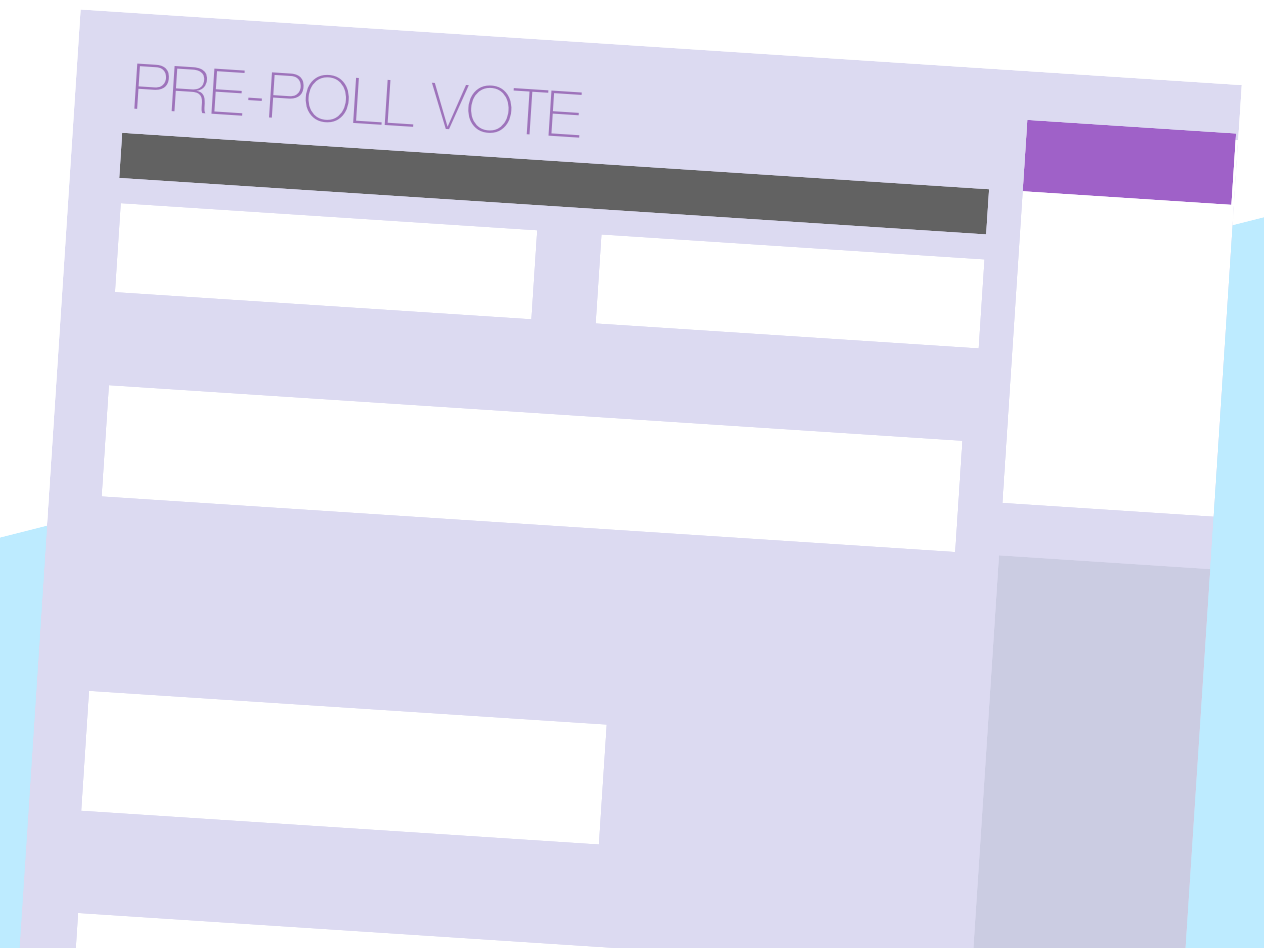


# PROVISIONAL VOTING

The vast majority of people who turn up to a polling place during a federal election or referendum are found on the electoral roll. They are issued with their ballot paper/s to then cast their vote. However, for a small number of Australians this is not the case.

## Who casts a provisional vote?

- Someone found on the electoral roll as already having cast a vote.
- Someone not found on the electoral roll
- A silent elector.



## How are provisional votes counted?

AEC officers review provisional votes in the days after polling day. The identifying information provided by the voter is used to conduct a wider search of the electoral roll. These checks are designed to see if the vote can be counted – a failsafe process to ensure anyone eligible who has cast a vote can have their vote counted.

## How does it work?

Provisional voting is a form of 'declaration vote'. A voter is declaring their identity by giving the AEC identifying details at the time of voting beyond just their name.



## Does it help enrol people?

If the voter is still found to not be enrolled, we cannot count their vote. However if enough identifying details are provided we use this information to enrol them for future elections and referendums.