

## **ADVANCE PROCESSING of Early and Absentee Ballots**

Chapter 155 of the Acts of 2020 allows for the advance process of early and absentee ballots. The Advance Removal process is the opening of early and absentee ballot inner envelopes and separating the ballot from that envelope prior to election day. The Advance Deposit process is the placing of the ballot which has already been advance removed into a tabulator prior to election day. This facilitates the processing of ballots such that results on election day can be produced on a timely basis. Please note that election results from Advance Processing will **not** be produced until after 8:00 PM on election day, September 1.

These activities are open to public observation, subject to COVID-19 precautions. Advance Processing activities for the September 1, 2020 State Primary will take place daily at Town Hall from Monday, August 24 through Saturday, August 29 starting at 10:00 AM, as needed.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-448-1100 or [townclerk@townofgroton.org](mailto:townclerk@townofgroton.org) if you have questions about Advance Processing.