

Thousands of ballots not counted in June primary

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It's the flip side of vote-by-mail ballots.

As the number of people voting by mail balloons in California, another trend is growing, too: Thousands of California ballots went uncounted in last Tuesday's election because they arrived too late – after polls closed at 8 p.m.

“It's very sad to see,” lamented William E. Schultz, El Dorado County's registrar of voters. “I think that probably the Legislature should think about having a five-day window for ballots to be received, and as long as the county has not certified the election ... to give the voter a right to have his vote counted.”

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