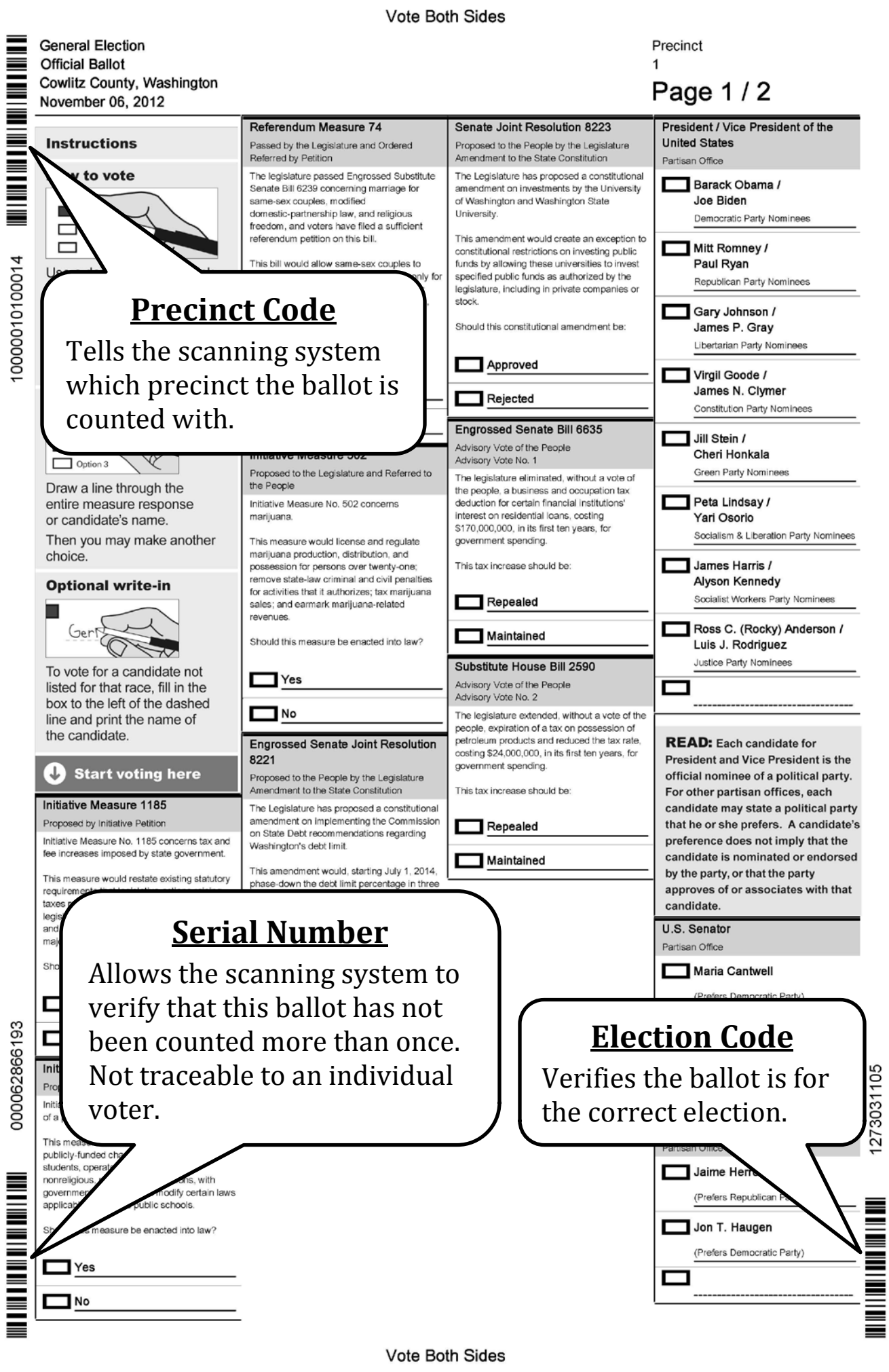
Why are there bar codes on my ballot?

The bar codes on the ballots are for verifying the election date and ballot type, as well as for making sure no ballot is scanned and counted more than once. The codes on the back of the page let the scanner know that it is the second page of the same ballot.

Bar codes are created in a separate system from voter records and there is no way to trace from bar code data back to an individual voter.