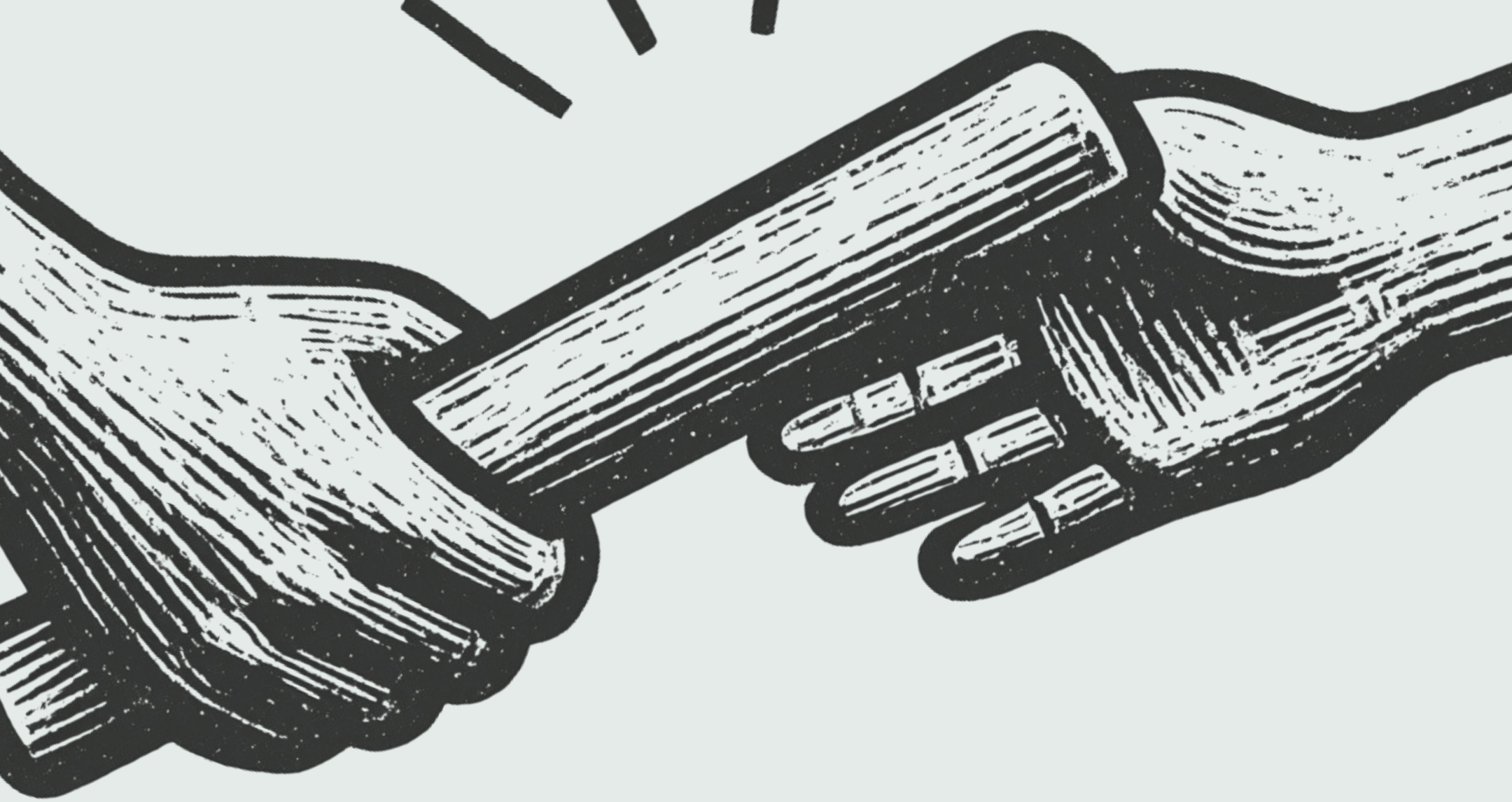




"Chain of custody" means we know who's handling ballots and equipment, and when. Think of it like a relay race: every handoff, from one worker to the next, gets logged. Nothing moves without someone signing for it.