



Elections Update

September 10th, 2024



What's on the ballot for November 5th?

General & Special Election

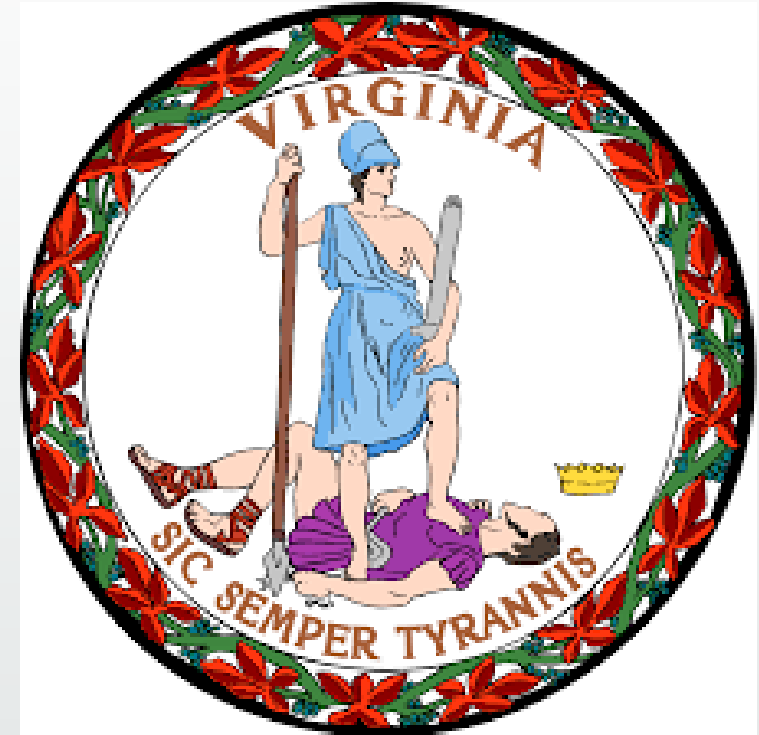
- **President and Vice President**
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House 6th District
- Harrisonburg City Council – 3 seats
- Harrisonburg School Board – 3 seats
- Constitutional Question



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X. Taxation and Finance.

- Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for; certain veterans and their surviving spouses ~~and~~; surviving spouses of soldiers ~~killed in action~~ who died in the line of duty.



Important Dates

- Friday, September 20th – Start of Early Voting.
- Tuesday, October 15th – Last day of voter registration.
- Friday, October 25th – Last day to request a ballot by mail.
- Saturday, November 2nd – Last day of Early Voting.
- Tuesday, November 5th – ELECTION DAY
- Friday, November 8th – Deadline to receive mailed ballots
(mail must be postmarked by election day)



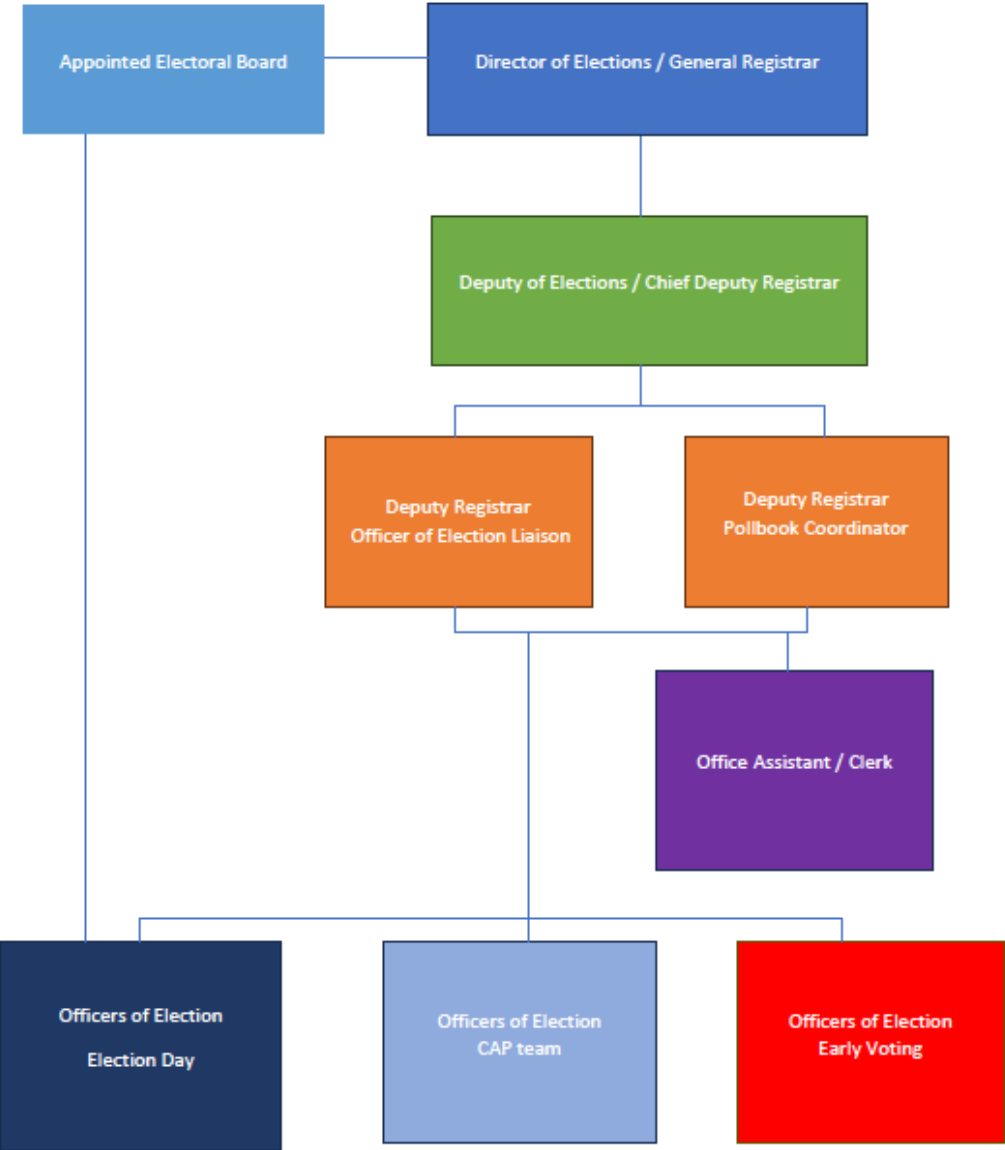
Registered Voters 2008 – July 2024



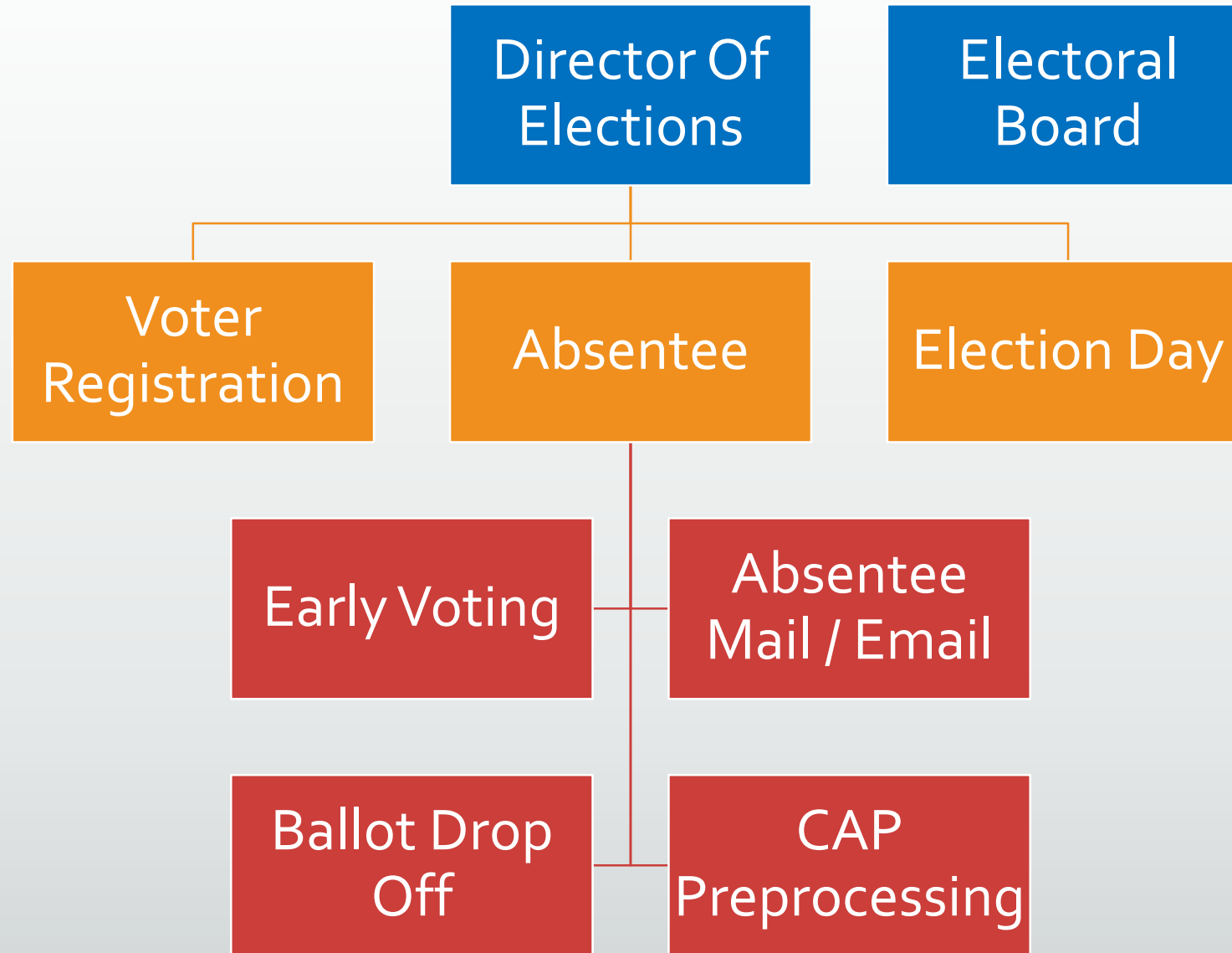
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Department Organizational Chart



General Registrar



The General Registrar is responsible for overseeing elections in their locality, maintaining the voter registration rolls, providing training for staff, overseeing

Early Voting at their office and satellite locations, mailing ballots and other election related materials, managing the election budget for locality, working with state and local officials to make sure local elections are in line with state regulations, overseeing local candidates on ballot access and campaign finance as well as many other election related responsibilities.

The General Registrar is appointed to a four-year term by the local Electoral Board.



Voter Registrar Office Staff

2 full-time and 3 part-time

Director of Elections / General Registrar (full-time)	1
Chief Deputy Registrar (full-time)	1
Deputy Registrars (part-time)	2
Office Clerk (part-time/ seasonal)	1

Working hours in the voter registrar office continue to be extended each year as election laws in Virginia change. Leading up to Election Day, the General Registrar and Chief Deputy will work 50 – 60 hours a week. The part-time deputies and clerk work extended hours during the 45 days early voting. The Voter Registrar's office is staffed on Election Day from 4:30am until 11pm or later.



Electoral Board



Ramona Sanders - D
Secretary



Bill Call - R
Chair



Jane Burner - R
Vice Chair

Appointed by a local Judge from recommendations made by the party chairs for a term of three years. The political make up of the board is determined by the party of the sitting Governor. They are responsible for appointing the General Registrar, overseeing Election Day, and conducting the canvass.



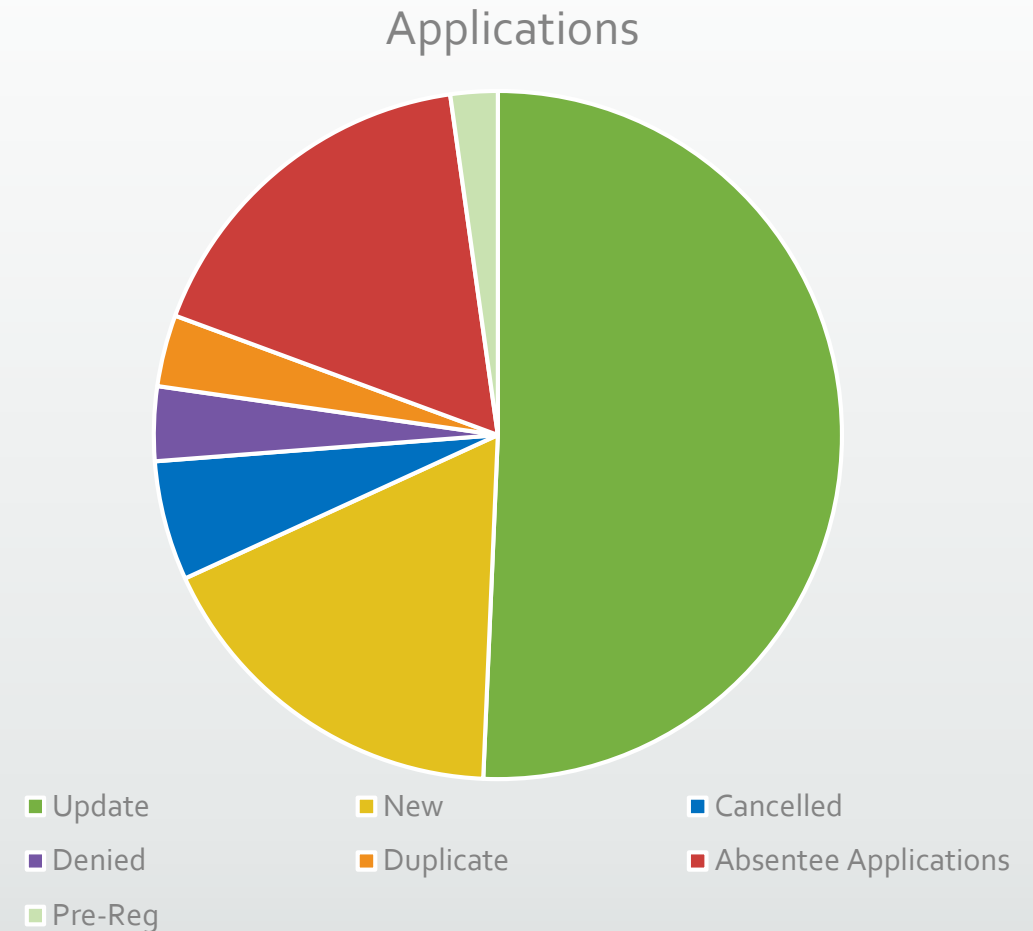
Officers of Election, Electoral Board hours

- 46 officers for early voting with an average of 4 officers per 4-hour shift.
- 120 officers on election day with an average of 14 officers per precinct, working a 14 -17-hour day.
- 3 Electoral Board members that put in countless hours on election day, and the canvass.
- All officers attend a 1–2 hour training provided by the Director of Election and Office staff. We will have 5-8 training sessions this fall.



Voter Registrations – Transactions Processed as of July 2024

Information Updates:	2,424
New Applications:	836
Absentee Applications:	820
Cancelled:	269
Duplicate:	161
Pre-Registrations:	106
Denied:	167
Total Transactions:	4,783



Other Numbers

Number of residents that transferred out as of July 2024: **1,181**



Projected Turn Out

November 2020

Absentee Projected: 9,000
Absentee Actual: 11,238

Election Day Projected: 7,000
Election Day Actual: 5,781

Overall Total Projected: 16,000
Overall Total Actual: 17,019

November 2024

Absentee Projected: 5,500
~~Absentee Actual:~~

Election Day Projected: 12,000
~~Election Day Actual:~~

Overall Total Projected: 17,500
~~Overall Total Actual:~~

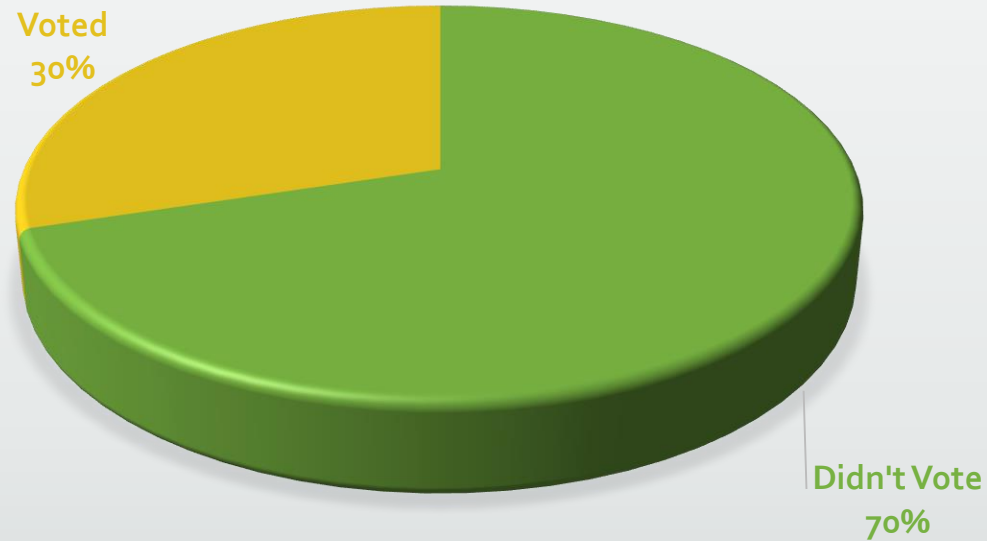
* Absentee includes early voting and vote by mail.

Estimated 69% Turnout



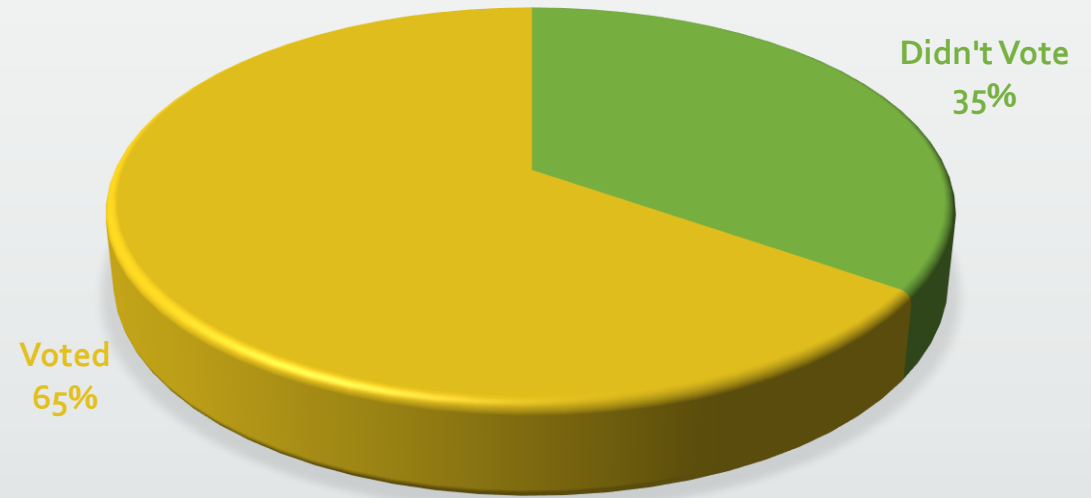
November 2023 vs November 2020

NOVEMBER 2023 ELECTION TURNOUT



25,265 registered voters on election day

NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION TURNOUT



26,079 registered voters on election day



Early Voting at City Hall

- Early voting starts on September 20th and will end November 2nd.
- Hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm Mon. through Fri. and 9:00am – 5:00pm on Saturday, October 26th and November 2nd.
- Early voting will be closed on October 14th (holiday).

State law requires 45 days of early voting for every election.

It must happen in the same building as the Voter Registrar office.



Vote By Mail

- Any Virginia registered voter can request a ballot to be mailed to them. They can either fill out an Absentee Ballot Application in person at the Voter Registrar office, request to have an application mailed to them or go to the Department of Elections website and fill it out online.
- Ballots must be returned by the deadline either by mail or dropped off in person by the voter. Harrisonburg voters can drop off their ballot at the Voter Registrar office or on Election Day at any polling location in the City.



Election Day, November 5th

- Polls open from 6am until 7pm
- 8 Harrisonburg Precincts.
- Precincts staffed by 130 Officers of Election.
- Most officers work 16 - 17 hours on Election Day.
- Same Day Voter Registration required the creation of a new officer position to help voters fill out provisional documents.



The Canvass

The process of reviewing, confirming, and recording the official local results of each election is called a “canvass.” The Electoral Board will convene the canvass the day after the election, typically by noon.

The canvass typically lasts 4-5 days and must be finished within 10 days of election day.



The Canvass

The purpose of the canvass:

- Reviewing each precincts statement of results and machine tapes to make sure the information is accurate.
- Conducting the Provisional ballot hearing. This gives provisional voters the ability to present any information.
- Counting the write-in votes that were over 10% of the vote for each office, verifying the write in certification.
- Voting to accept or deny Provisional ballots. Then tabulating all accepted ballots and completing a statement of results.
- Declaring local winners and signing the Abstract of Votes.

ABSTRACT of VOTES

Cast in HARRISONBURG CITY, VIRGINIA
at the 2021 November General Election held on November 02, 2021 for,
Governor

NAMES OF CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED (IN FIGURES)
Terry R. McAuliffe - Democratic	6812
Glenn A. Youngkin - Republican	4382
Princess L. Blanding - Liberation	131
Total Write-In votes [From Write-Ins Certifications] [Valid Write-Ins + Invalid Write-Ins = Total Write In Votes]	12
Total Number of Overvotes for Office	1

We, the undersigned Electoral Board, upon examination of the official records deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the election held on November 02, 2021, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct Abstract of Votes cast at said election for the Governor.

Given under our hands this 5th day of November, 2021

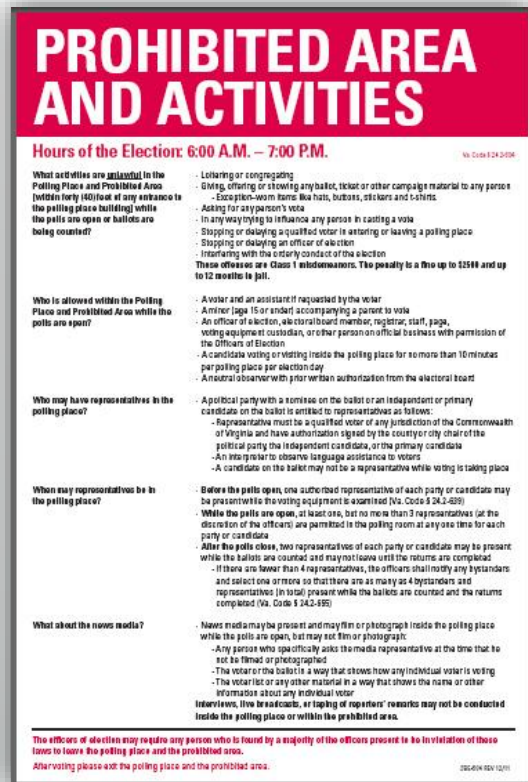
[Signature], Chairman
Andrea Price Shable, Vice Chairman
Jane Trout Burner, Secretary
[Signature], Acting Secretary



Election Integrity

There are a variety of challenges in conducting Elections. Here are some of the methods we use to keep elections safe and secure

- Written Security Plan – State Laws
- Equipment Management
- General Physical Security
- Two-Person Rule
- Machine Testing
- Tamper-Evident Seals
- Chain-of-Custody
- Secret Ballot
- Risk Limiting Audits



Election Integrity – Machine Testing



- Machine Testing (Logic and Accuracy testing) is required under state code 24.2-633 for all tabulators, poll books, and ADA compliant voting devices.
- The testing is conducted by a machine custodian or vendor in the presence of an Electoral Board member, the General Registrar or designee.
- Observers for the local political parties, or independent candidates can attend the process.
- After a successful test of the machines, they are sealed with numbered seals until Election Day.



Challenges in 2024

- **Same Day Registration:** with the start of Same Day Registration (SDR) in 2022 the Voter Registrar office has seen a dramatic increase in provisional applications on Election Day. All of these must be processed by office staff in a short window before certification. The state deadline to process SDR applications this fall is 6 days from election day (November 12th).

On average the office can process 35 applications an hour. We estimate that we could receive anywhere from 700 to 1200 SDR applications this fall. This might require an additional 20 to 35 hours of work after election day. To meet the state deadline our staff will likely need to work through the weekend and holiday.

Virginia Provisional Vote and Same Day Registration Application Precinct # _____
Only for voters not registered in this precinct. Use blue or black ink.

Starred (*) items are required. If you do not complete all of the items that are marked with *, your application may be denied.

1 * I am a citizen of the United States of America YES NO
* Full Social Security Number _____ No SSN was ever issued
* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ * Gender _____

2 * Last Name _____ Jr. Sr. II III IV (Circle one) Other (write-in): _____
* First Name _____ * Middle Name _____ None
* Residence Address (May not be a P.O. Box) _____ Apt. _____
* City/Town _____ * Zip Code _____
Email _____ Phone _____

3 * Have you ever been convicted of a felony or judged mentally incapacitated and disqualified to vote? YES NO
If YES, has your right to vote been restored? YES NO

4 I am an active-duty uniformed services member, spouse or dependent; or an overseas citizen.
 I am providing a mailing address (below) because my residence address cannot receive mail or I am homeless.
 I am providing a Virginia P.O. Box (below) to protect my residence address from public disclosure because I or a household member is/has:
 An active or retired law enforcement officer, judge, magistrate, U.S. or Virginia Attorney General attorney.
 Been granted a court issued protective order.
 In fear for personal safety from being threatened or stalked by another person.
 A participant in the Virginia Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program.
 Been approved to be a foster parent.
My mailing address _____
(Complete only if you have checked a box in this section) _____

5 I am currently registered to vote in another state: _____ (Indicate state of previous registration)

6 I am interested in being an Officer of Election (poll worker) on Election Day. Please send me information.

7 **AFFIRMATION: I swear/affirm, under felony penalty for making willfully false material statements or entries, that the information provided on this form is true and that, to the best of my knowledge, I am eligible to vote in this election. I authorize the cancellation of my current registration and I hereby affirm that I have read the Privacy Act Notice and Warning.** (See back for Privacy Act Notice and Warning.)
* Signature _____ Today's date: _____ / _____ / _____
 By checking this box, I affirm both that I am an individual with physical disabilities and the Affirmation Statement above. Pursuant to Article II, § 2 of the Constitution of Virginia, individuals with physical disabilities are not required to sign the application for voter registrations.

ELECTION OFFICER YOU MUST SELECT THIS REASON CODE. <input type="checkbox"/> #1: Same Day Registration (or not on pollbook) Did voter show ID or complete ID Confirmation Statement? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Comments: Election Officer: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>Sign Here</small>	OFFICE/ELECTORAL BOARD USE ONLY Voter ID # _____ Adjudication: <input type="checkbox"/> COUNT <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT COUNT Voter Identification 1. If the voter returns with the proper identification, check this box and sign <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 2. Attach a copy of the identification document. <small>ELECT-653 - 7/2023</small>
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Challenges in 2024

- **Increased Security Concerns:** After attending training with the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT), Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) we are broadening our office and Election Day procedures to anticipate potential digital and physical security threats from domestic and foreign agents.
- **Staffing / Officers of Election:** With the long hours and stress of a Presidential Election, my office is keenly aware of the threat of burnout on our staff and Officers of Election. We plan to institute mandatory breaks for staff and providing strategies to relieve stress to our Officers of Election.



Equipment Updates 2024

- **Poll pads:**

We have purchased 36 new poll pad systems from KNOWiNK, a national election equipment vendor. They provide a more secure and user-friendly interface. These will be deployed during Early Voting and on Election Day.



- **Security Cages:**

We are waiting to receive 8 election security cages from our tabulator and ballot vendor PrintElect. This will help to secure our critical election equipment in delivery and storage on Election Day.



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QUESTIONS?

