## 2022 Poll Worker Training



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### You're the Teacher!

- Think about how you will present this material to your county's poll workers
- Use the Training Guide:
  - Have the poll workers follow along in guide
- Ensure you have audio speakers connected to the computer operating the presentation
- Any changes to this presentation need to be approved by the SBEC
  - Other than the inclusion of local procedures

### **Agenda**

#### General Session

Designed for Clerks checking in voters or assisting in the operation of voting equipment

#### Advanced Session

Designed for poll workers in supervisor positions or poll workers responsible for opening and closing the poll and provisional voting



- Part Three
  - Absentee Ballot Clerks

### **Poll Worker Qualifications**

#### **MUST**

- Be a qualified elector\*
- Be able to read & write English
- Be a resident of the county
- Take oath prior to serving in your official capacity
- Attend mandatory training conducted by SBEC

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MAY NOT MEET ANY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE LET THE PRESENTER KNOW NOW OR AT A BREAK.

#### **MUST NOT**

- Be guilty of violating any election law
- Be a candidate (except county committee) while serving
- Be a paid employee of any political party or of any candidate running for any office on the county's ballot
- Be employed by a company doing business with the CBEC
- Be married or related to a candidate running for office while serving, if an objection is made
- Be a county political party chairman or the spouse of a chairman if an objection is made
- Be a CBEC member or the spouse of a CBEC member if an objection is made

## **Before Opening the Polls**

- ► This section provides general information for all poll workers while more detailed instructions for opening the poll will be provided in the afternoon session.
- Specifically, we'll cover:
  - Addressing problems
  - Administering the oath;
  - Arranging the poll;
  - Locating supplies, postings, and forms.



### What to Do If... - P.3

- If you arrive and have issues you cannot address, please contact your County Election Officials:
  - CBEC Members
  - Election Coordinator
  - County Clerk

(The name of a candidate of	elected official shall not appear on this p	rage.)
For questions regarding a voter's regis	stration status contact your:	
County Clerk's Office		
(P	hone number)	
For questions about election day proce	edures contact vour:	
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County Election Commission	(Name)	(Phone number)
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For emergencies or to report persons of	disrupting the election process co	ntact your:
Local Law Enforcement		
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**ELECTION DAY CONTACT INFORMATION** 

## **Before Any Official Duties - P.5**

- All poll workers are required to take an Oath before they begin serving in your office
- The Oath should be stated aloud to another poll worker
- You <u>MUST</u> sign under the Oath
- If you do not have four poll workers, one of which is a <u>Poll Judge</u>, then contact the CBEC <u>immediately</u> P.3

#### BEFORE BEGINNING ANY OFFICIAL DUTIES

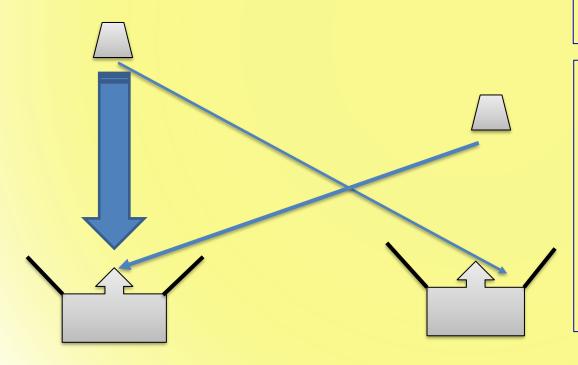
#### Administer and Sign the Oath of a Poll Worker

we, the undersigned, do swear that we v	will perform the duties of poll workers of this
election according to law and to the best	t of our abilities, and that we will studiously
endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and ab	ouse in conducting the same, and we will no
disclose how any voter shall have voted, un	nless required to do so as a witness in a judicia
proceeding or a proceeding to contest an e	election.

Absent Poll Worker(s): Immediately contact your county election commission, county election coordinator, or county clerk if a fellow poll worker does not report to work.

### **Before Opening the Polls**

- Ensure Your Poll Is Accessible to Disabled Voters
  - Consult local instruction from your CBEC
- Arrange the poll
  - Ensure privacy and accessibility
  - No one within 6 feet of machine





"The machine shall be placed so that no person can see or determine how the voter casts his or her vote." A.C.A. §7-5-521

"Each voter shall be provided the privacy to mark his or her ballot. Privacy shall be provided by the poll workers at each polling site or by the county clerk, if the county clerk conducts early voting, to ensure that a voter desiring privacy is not singled out." A.C.A §7-5-310

### **Before Opening the Polls**

- Activate voting equipment
  - At least <u>ONE</u> accessible voting machine per poll is <u>required</u>
  - Generate zero tape(s)
  - ALL poll workers must <u>sign</u> the zero tape(s)
  - Post the zero tape(s) on polling room wall
- Inspect supplies
- Post required information
  - Notice of Election Sample Ballots Voting Instructions Voting Rights
     Poster State/Federal Election Law Poster List of Registered Voters by
     Precinct Poll Watcher Rights and Responsibilities, etc.
- Locate forms
  - PVR List Lists of Voters Notice to Provisional Voters Assisting Voters
     Change in Polling Site Authorization Voter Machine Complaint, etc.

### **Open the Poll**

- ► Poll workers recommended to arrive around 6:30am
- Open promptly at 7:30am
- Keep open continuously until 7:30pm



## WHAT IF – Problems Opening the Poll

- What if the Poll Tablets cannot be connected to the internet?
  - Open the poll to voting at 7:30am
  - Use the tablets in offline mode
  - Report the problem immediately to the CBEC or designated contact

- What if the Poll Tablets fail entirely?
  - Open the poll to voting at 7:30am
  - Open the poll using the paper backups, if available
  - IF no PVR List is available,
     check in voters by calling
     the county clerk's office
  - Report the problem immediately to the CBEC or designated contact

## WHAT IF – Problems Opening the Poll

- What if the DS200 Tabulator fails or isn't available at 7:30am but the ballot markers are working?
  - Open the poll to voting at 7:30am
  - Place voted ballots in the emergency slot until the tabulator is operational
  - Report the problem immediately to the CBEC or designated contact



## WHAT IF - Problems Opening the Poll

- What if the ballot markers are not functioning?
  - Open the poll to voting at 7:30am
  - Allow voters to vote on any provisional paper ballots that are available and cast them in the emergency slot
  - Report the problem immediately to the CBEC or designated contact
  - If you cannot reach the county election officials, <u>call the SBEC</u> or Secretary of State!
    - Our phone number is located on the PW Guide and Checklist



### **During Voting Hours**

- ► This section is intended for poll workers who process voters and contains general information that all poll workers should familiarize themselves with.
- We'll talk about the steps for processing voters and what to expect on Election Day.



## Video 1 – Voting Process



## How to Process Voters into the Poll (STEP 1-3) P.25

- Step 1: Ask the voter to state his or her name aloud
  - Enter the name into the tablet to find the PVR List Entry for the voter and select the voter's entry when it is found
  - If multiple voters have the same name, it may be necessary to enter their date of birth also
- Step 2: Ask the voter to state his or her address and date of birth aloud
  - Poll Watchers must be able to hear the information and have the opportunity to object
  - DO NOT use a Photo ID to obtain this information
- Step 3: Verify that the information given by the voter is the same as the information in the PVR List (tablet)

## How to Verify the Name Step 3 (Supplemental) P.25

- If the voter's name varies slightly, but the name is comparable, then move forward
  - Abby vs. Abigail
  - Bill vs. William
- If the voter's name has changed due to marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., then the voter must complete a Voter Registration Application (Votes a Regular Ballot)

## How to Verify the DOB Step 3 (Supplemental) P.25

- If the date of birth is incorrect in the Poll Book, but the voter asserts this is a clerical error, then continue with the Photo ID process
  - Provides Photo ID\* (Showing the DOB stated by the voter) – Have voter complete a Voter Registration Application and issue a Regular Ballot
  - <u>Does NOT</u> Provide Photo ID Have the voter vote a Provisional Ballot

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\* Part of Lawsuit

## How to Verify the Address Step 3 (Supplemental) P.25

 If the address stated by the voter differs from the address in the PVR List (tablet), the matter should be referred to the <u>Poll Judge</u>.

 This process will be addressed in more detail in the afternoon session.

### How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 4 - P.25

- Check to see whether the voter is "flagged"
- Flagged voters have Special ID Requirements:
  - Must show a CURRENT Driver License NOT EXPIRED
     OR
  - Must show one of the following: Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows:
    - Voter's Name and Voting Address

Name	Address	DOB	Status	IDR	Issued	
Wyatt Lee G	625 W Dickson St APT 6 Fayetteville 72701		Ineligible		None	
Wyatt Letitia Marie	12516 Lockhart Rd West Fork 72774		Inactive	Flagged First Time Voter		1

## How to Process Voters Into the Poll STEP 5-6 - P.25

- Step 5: Ask the voter to provide a Photo ID
- Step 6: Use the Photo ID to:
  - Compare the photo on the ID to the person standing in front of you

#### **AND**

- Compare the name on the ID to the name in the PVR List (tablet)
- DO NOT compare the address on the ID to the address in the PVR List

## Requirements for the Photo ID Step 5-6 (Supplemental) P.25

Voters must verify their registration by showing a document or identification card that shows the **name** and **photograph** of the person to whom it was issued and is **issued by**:

- The United States,
- The State of Arkansas,
- Any Postsecondary Educational Institution accredited in the State, or
- The County Clerk (for voting purposes only ID)
  - If the Photo ID displays an expiration date, it must either be current or not expired more than four years before the date of the election in which the person seeks to vote

## Requirements for the Photo ID STEP 5-6 (Supplemental) P.25

#### Examples of acceptable Voter IDs include (but are not limited to):

- ✓ An Arkansas driver's license;
- ✓ A concealed carry handgun license;
- ✓ A US passport;
- ✓ An employee badge or ID document issued by the State of Arkansas, the federal government, or a postsecondary educational institution located in Arkansas;
- ✓ A US military ID document;
- ✓ A student ID card issued by a postsecondary educational institution;
- ✓ A public assistance ID card; or
- ✓ A voter ID card issued by the county clerk.
  - EXCEPTION: Voters who live in a long-term or residential care facility licensed by the state may show documentation from the administrator (Documentation of Residency) attesting that the voter is a resident of the facility

#### DOCUMENTATION OF RESIDENCY

(Rev. 08-2017)

#### To be used by residents of long-term care or residential care facilities.

Pursuant to Act 633 of 2017, a person who is a resident of a long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state of Arkansas is not required to verify his or her registration by providing a document or identification card (as described in Act 633), but shall provide documentation from the administrator of the facility attesting that the person is a resident of the facility.

Resident's Name:

Name of Facility: _	
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	dministrator of the above named facility; is licensed by the state of Arkansas; and
•	named above is a resident of this facility.
The person	Harried above is a resident of this facility.
Administrator Name (Print	ted):
Administrator Signature: _	
Date:	

## Assessing Validity of ID Step 5-6 (Supplemental) P.37

#### The poll worker must:

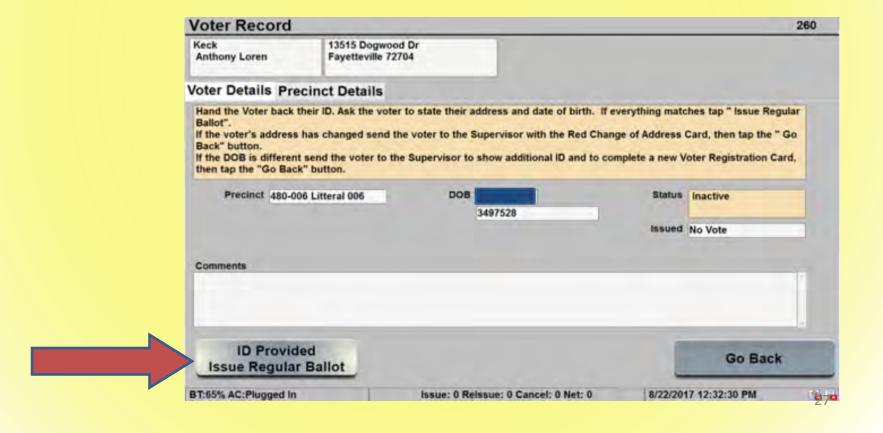
- Verify that the name on the ID is consistent with the name in the Poll Book while allowing for abbreviations, nicknames, and name changes;
- ➤ If the name is consistent, compare the photograph to the voter to determine whether the voter is the person depicted in the photograph while considering changes in hair color, glasses, facial hair, cosmetics, weight, age, injury, and other physical characteristics;
- If the poll worker is **satisfied** that the voter is the person depicted in the photograph and the name is consistent with the name in the Poll Book, then issue the voter a **regular** ballot;
- If the voter's name has changed or is different from the name in the Poll Book or the name as stated by the voter, but the poll worker is satisfied that the voter is the person depicted in the photograph, issue the person a regular ballot after the voter completes a voter registration application for the purpose of updating the voter's information.

## Assessing Validity of ID Step 5-6 (Supplemental) P.37

- If the poll worker determines that the ID does not depict the voter, or the name is not similar, the voter is referred to the **Election Judge** of the poll
- The **Election Judge** shall:
  - Compare the name of the voter to the PVR
  - Compare the photo to the voter
- The Election Judge shall resolve any marginal cases in favor of the voter
- If the **Election Judge** determines that the ID does not depict the voter then the voter is offered a **Provisional Ballot**

## How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 7 - P.26

- Select the "ID Provided/Issue Regular Ballot" box on the PVR List
- Confirm the correct voter is selected



### How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 8 - P.26

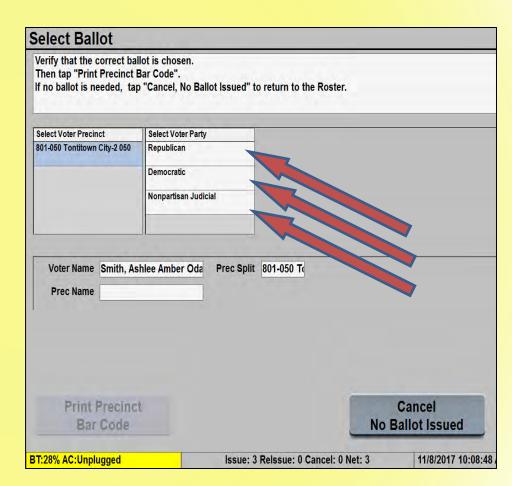
- Pass the ID to the poll worker keeping the list of voters
  - Uses to ensure correct spelling of name
  - Add name to the numbered List of Voters form
  - Return ID to voter

	LIST OF VOTERS
Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-5-211(a)(2) st of voters forms. Arkansas Code Annot he voter's name must be recorded on the	)(B) requires county election commissions to provide poll workers with tated § 7-5-305(a)(9) requires that before a person is allowed to vote, list of voters form.
OO NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONAL VOTE	RS ON THIS LIST. A separate form is required for provisional voters.
Date:	Poll Name:
County:	Precinct #(s):
NAME OF VOTER	NAME OF VOTER
voters forms, and the lists shall be cert	§ 7-5-314, poll workers shall total the number of voters on the list of lified and attested by the poll workers. I certify and attest that this d voters who voted non-provisional ballots at this polling site.
Signature of Poll Worker	Signature of Poll Worker
Signature of Poll Worker	Signature of Poll Worker
Signature of Poll Worker	Signature of Poll Worker

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## How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 9a - P.26

- For Primary Elections, ask the voter "which party primary he or she wishes to vote in."
  - Select the appropriate party primary or nonpartisan election



### How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 9b - P.26

- For Primary Runoff Elections ONLY:
  - Check the PVR List to ensure voters do not crossover
  - Crossover voting occurs when a voter in one primary votes in another party's primary runoff
- Crossover voting is a CRIME
  - Form on Page 33

# CROSSOVER VOTING IS A CRIME

#### **VOTERS:**

It is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year incarceration and a fine of up to \$2,500, for a person to vote in the preferential primary of one political party and the general primary (runoff) of another.

 $[A.C.A. \S 7-1-103(a)(19)(B), (b)]$ 

#### **POLL WORKERS:**

It is a felony, punishable by up to six years incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000 for a poll worker to knowingly permit a person to vote other than his or her legal ballot or fraudulently permit a person to vote illegally.

 $[A.C.A. \S7-1-104(a)(13), (14), (b)]$ 

### **Crossover Voting is a Crime**

#### **Voters:**

It is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year incarceration and a fine of up to \$2,500, for a person to vote in the preferential primary of one political party and the general primary (runoff) of another.

Example: A voter who voted in the Republican primary election cannot then vote in the Democratic party's runoff election.

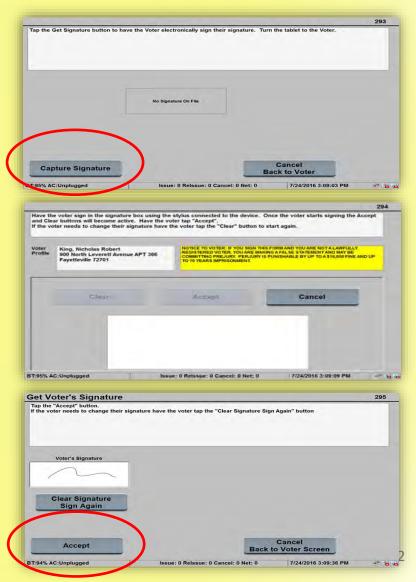
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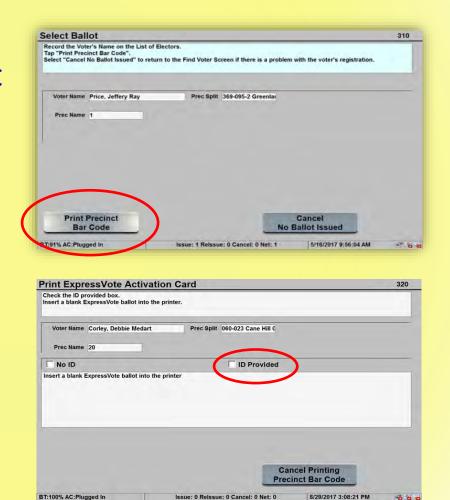
## How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 10 - P.26

- Select "Capture Signature"
- Allow the voter to sign
  - The voter may choose to resign if the voter is unsatisfied with the current signature
- Click "Accept"
- DO NOT reject a voter based on a comparison of signature if your poll book displays the voter's signature at this point



## How to Process Voters into the Poll Step 11-14 - P.26

- Step 11: After voter signs, then select "Print Precinct Bar Code"
- Step 12: Mark the "ID Provided" box
  - Unless the voter provided a document from a nursing home in lieu of a Photo ID
- Step 13-14: Insert a blank ballot into the printer and provide the ballot to the voter



## Fail-safe Voting

Steps to take when the Voter's Statements do not match the PVR List

### **Fail-safe Voting**

- If a person attempts to vote and asserts, they are eligible to vote in the election then one of three things must happen:
  - The voter votes a Regular Ballot;
  - The voter votes a Provisional Ballot; or
  - If you do not have vote centers, the voter is sent to another poll that has the correct ballot style available.

## Video 2 – Change in Address



# Voter States an Address that does not Compare (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

### Situation

- Voter states their address
- The poll workers compare the stated address to the PVR List
- Address in the PVR List differs from the stated address

### **How To Proceed**

- Turn the voter over to the <u>Poll Judge</u>
- <u>DO NOT</u> proceed unless you or your <u>Poll Judge</u> have called the County Clerk
  - ALWAYS!
- Follow instructions of your <u>Poll Judge</u> and/or the County Clerk

# Voter States an Address that Does Not Compare (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

## New address in county and NOT assigned to this polling site

- NON VOTE CENTER COUNTY
- If the address stated by the voter is in the same county (and Congressional District) and the voters at the new address also vote at this poll:
  - Votes a regular ballot
  - Must be sent to the new address polling site with "Change in Polling Site Authorization Form"
  - Voter <u>MUST</u> complete and return an updated voter registration application
  - Must be instructed on how to find the new poll

	CHANGE IN POLLING SITE AUTHORIZATION FORM
precinct voter r	given by a voter to the poll worker is not the same as the address on the egistration list, Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 7-5-305 and 7-7-308 requires vorker contact the county clerk's office to determine the voter's proper
poll worker sho voter, instruct t voter registrati	erk's office confirms that the voter's address is not within the precinct, the buld complete the information below and give the completed form to the the voter to complete a voter registration application form to update county on record files, and instruct the voter to go to the polling site serving that er for his or her vote to be counted.
THE VOT	ER SHOULD PRESENT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE POLL WORKERS AT THE VOTER'S NEW POLLING SITE.
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WHAT IF THE ADDRESS COULD NOT BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY (and Congressional District)?

## **Video 2 – Alternate Ending**



# Voter not In the PVR List (Fail-safe Voting) P.28

### Situation

- Voter states their name, address, and DOB
- The poll workers cannot find the voter in the PVR List
- Voter believes he or she is registered

### **How To Proceed**

- Turn the voter over to the Poll Judge
- <u>DO NOT</u> proceed unless you or your <u>Poll Judge</u> have called the County Clerk
  - ALWAYS!
- Follow instructions of your <u>Poll Judge</u> and/or the County Clerk

# Voter States an Address that does not Compare (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

### **Voter Not Found in PVR List**

- If the County Clerk is able to find the voter in the PVR List:
  - Votes a regular ballot
  - IF address is assigned to another poll, voter is given the "Change in Polling Site Authorization Form"
  - Voter <u>MUST</u> complete and return an updated voter registration application

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# Voter States an Address that does not Compare (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

### **Voter Not Found in PVR List**

- If the County Clerk is NOT able to find the voter in the PVR List:
  - The voter is required to vote a provisional ballot
  - The County Clerk will identify which ballot style is assigned to the precinct part where the address stated by the voter is located
  - Voter <u>MUST</u> complete and return an updated voter registration application

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## Video 3 - Not in Poll Book



# Voter Believes they have the Wrong Ballot (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

### Situation

- Voter believes the ballot assigned in the PVR List does not contain the correct races or issues
- Name, address, and DOB stated by the voter compare to the information in the PVR List

### **How To Proceed**

- Notify the voter that they may cast any other ballot available in the poll they believe is correct, but that they will have to vote provisionally
- Also inform the voter that they will have to prove there is an error in the county records or the ballots in order for the vote to count
- If necessary, send to the <u>Poll</u>
   <u>Judge</u> to vote a provisional
   ballot

# Voter Received an Absentee Ballot (Fail-safe Voting) P.28

- If the PVR List indicates that a voter received an absentee ballot then the voter is required to cast a provisional ballot
- You should explain the situation to the voter and send them to the <u>Poll Judge</u>
- If a voter received an absentee ballot, but did not return it, the provisional vote will count

Name	Address	DOB	Status	Issued	IDR	Host St
Sposato Christopher Corbett	1136 West Rochier Street Fayetteville 72701		Active	Absentee		Done

# Voter is Marked as Having Already Voted (Fail-safe Voting) P.28

- If the PVR List indicates that voter has already voted (ballot issued) the voter still has the option to cast a provisional ballot if they assert, they have not actually voted
- The County Election Commission will have to determine whether the voter is attempting to vote twice

Find Voters						20
Name	Address	DOB	Status	Issued	IDR	Host St
Zies Brenda June	489 East Appleby Road Fayetteville 72703		Active	Ballot Issued		Done
Zies George Leslie	1030 West Rochier Street APT 5		Active	Ballot Issued		Done

# Ineligible Voters (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

- In some special elections or school elections not held with the primary or general elections, not all voters in the county are eligible to vote because the election does not affect the entire county
- If the PVR List indicates that voter lives outside the area eligible to vote in the election, the voter still has the option to cast a provisional ballot if they believe they are qualified
- The County Election Commission will have to determine whether the voter presenting is eligible to vote in this election

Name	Address	DOB	Status
Davenport Tracy Ann	15950 Hwy 59 South Siloam Springs 72761		Ineligible
Davenport Tracy Ann	6579 Firefly Catch Avenue Springdale 72762		Active

# PVR List is Marked as "Inactive" (Fail-safe Voting) P.27-28

- If you see this notation in the PVR List, you should ignore it
- "Inactive" voters are <u>ELIGIBLE</u> and receive a <u>regular</u>
   ballot

Find Voters							
Name	Address	DOB	Status	Issued	IDR		
King Nathaniel Robert	1540 Richmond Drive APT 105		Inactive	None			
King Nicholas Robert	900 North Leverett Avenue APT 366		Active	None			

## **Election Day Issues**

Other situations you will need to be prepared to address on Election Day

# Procedure for Assisting Voters P.38-39

- Poll Worker Must List:
  - The name of each voter that is assisted; and
  - The names of the two poll workers who assist the voter
    - One to assist and one to observe (w/out comment or interpretation);
  - OR list the name and address of the person chosen by the voter to assist them

		e listed in the first column.	
	Date of Election:	Poll Name:	
	County:	Precinct #(s): _	
No.	Name of Person (or poll workers) Assisting Voter	Address of Person Assisting Voter	Name of Voter Assisted
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LIST OF DEDOONS ASSISTING VOTEDS

### Limits on Assisting Voters P.38-39

- TWO Poll Workers: May assist an <u>unlimited number</u> of voters
  - Must be accompanied by a <u>second</u> poll worker!
- Third Parties: May assist <u>up to six\*</u> voters if:
  - Voter requests the assistance (not the 3<sup>rd</sup> party)
- Candidates: May assist up to six blood relatives
  - Within two degrees of relationship
- All Assistants: Required to <u>ONLY</u> mark the ballot as directed by the voters
  - Assistants who engage in electioneering should be documented (including their name) and removed

# Important Reminders on Assistance to Voters

- ▶ A voter must personally request help
- Poll workers and poll watchers cannot suggest to a voter that he or she needs assistance
  - Poll workers can allow voters who are unable to stand in line, due to a disability, to move to the front of the line
- Ballots cannot be taken out of the polling room during voting hours
- A person assisting a voter cannot misrepresent the content of the ballot or change or mark the ballot, except as intended by voter

# Poll Watchers and Vote Challenges P. 51-54

- Poll Watchers are representatives of a candidate, party, or ballot issue group
- Must provide a Poll Watcher Authorization Form
- Poll Watcher Challenges
  - A poll watcher must notify a poll worker of the challenge before the voter signs the PVR List; and
  - Complete the Challenged Ballot Form on the Provisional Voter Envelope

POLL WATCHER AUTHORIZATION FORM (A.C.A. § 7-3-312/det 224 e/2007)
Representative of a Candidate
of in the election. I further state
I, state that I am a candidate for the office of election. I further state that I have designated as my authorized representative at the election
at polling sites and absentee ballot processing sites
in  County, Arkansas, to observe and ascertain the identity of persons presenting themselves to vote in person
or by absentee for the purpose of challenging any voter in accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-
5-416, and 7-5-417. I further state that I have designated and authorized my representative named above
to be present at the ballot counting locations at
County, Arkansas, for the purpose of witnessing the counting
to be present at the ballot counting locations at in County, Arkansas, for the purpose of witnessing the counting of ballots by election officials and determining whether ballots are fairly and accurately counted in accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-316, 7-5-413, 7-5-416, 7-5-527, and 7-5-615.
Representative of a Group
I,, state that I represent the group which is seeking passage/defeat (circle one) of the
ballot measure entitled on the ballot in the on the ballot measure entitled election at polling sites and and and and and and and and
absentee ballot processing sites election at polling sites and in
County Arkansas to observe and ascertain the identity of persons
presenting themselves to vote in person or by absentee for the purpose of challenging any voter in
accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-416 and 7-5-417.
Representative of a Party
, state that I am the chairman or secretary of the
I, state that I am the chairman or secretary of the state/county (circle one) committee for the election. I further state that I have designated as an authorized party representative at the election at
as an authorized party representative at the election at
polling sites and absentee ballot processing sites
in County, Arkansas, to observe and ascertain the identity of persons presenting themselves to vote in person or by absentee for the purpose
and ascertain the identity of persons presenting themselves to vote in person or by absentee for the purpose
of challenging any voter in accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-416, and 7-5-417. I further
state that I have designated and authorized my representative named above to be present at the ballot counting locations at
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whether ballots are fairly and accurately counted in accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-316, 7-5-413, 7-5-416, 7-5-527, and 7-5-615.
Signature of Candidate, Group Representative, or Chairman/Secretary of the State/County Committee
Acknowledged before me this day of, 20
Notary Public: My Commission Expires:
I do hereby state that I am familiar with the rights and responsibilities of a poll watcher as outlined on the back of the poll watcher authorization form and will in good faith comply with the provisions of same.
Signature of Poll Watcher
Acknowledged before me this day of, 20
Notary Public: My Commission Expires:
I do hereby acknowledge filing this poll watcher authorization form with the county clerk's office.
Signature of County Clerk

### **Poll Watchers Can...**

- Observe poll workers
- Stand close enough to the place where voters check in to vote so they can hear a voter's name
- Compile lists of voters
- Challenge ballots before the voter signs the PVR List and only on the grounds that:
  - The voter is not eligible to vote in the precinct; or
  - The voter has previously voted in that election
- Call any perceived irregularity or election law violation to the attention of the Poll Judge

### **Poll Watchers Cannot...**

Be within 6 feet of any voting machines or voting booths

Speak to voters



- Try to influence voters:
  - Inside the poll; or
  - Inside the prohibited electioneering zones
- Disrupt elections



# Electioneering P.55-57

### What is Electioneering?

 The display of, or audible dissemination of, information that advocates for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot

### Prohibited within 100 feet

► A person shall not enter or remain in an area within 100 feet of the entrance of a building except to enter or leave a building where voting is taking place (Act 728 of 2021)

### Prevention

- Instruct any person entering the poll who is wearing or displaying campaign articles to remove them immediately
- Check the poll frequently for campaign articles and remove them promptly
- Monitor the electioneering prohibition zone periodically to ensure compliance
- Post the Notice on Electioneering

# Electioneering P.55-57

- Displays of a candidate's name, likeness, or logo;
- Displays of a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo;
- Audible dissemination of electioneering information;
- Handing out literature on any candidate or issue on the ballot;
- Soliciting signatures on any petition;
- Soliciting contributions; or
- Attempting to win votes by wearing or displaying buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, sticklers, or other articles designed to influence voters

### NOTICE ON ELECTIONEERING

ELECTIONEERING means the display of, or audible dissemination of, information that advocates for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot

#### **ELECTIONEERING** includes:

- Handing out, distributing, or offering to hand out or distribute campaign literature or literature regarding a candidate, issue, or measure on the ballot;
- Soliciting signatures on any petition;
- Soliciting contributions;
- Displaying a candidate's name, likeness, or logo;
- Displaying a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo;
- Displaying or dissemination of buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information; and
- Disseminating audible electioneering information.

#### **PROHIBITION**

Arkansas Code 7-1-103 and 7-1-104 prohibit electioneering in the building or within 100 feet of the primary exterior entrance used by voters in which voting is taking place, or with persons standing in line to vote. Also, a person shall not enter or remain in the area except for a person entering or leaving a building for lawful purposes where voting is taking place.

#### PUNISHMENT

Violation of electioneering laws is, at the minimum, a Class A misdemeanor offense punishable by fine or confinement.

### **Spoiled Ballots** P.59-61

- Stamp *Cancelled* on the ballot (Act 736 of 2021)
  - Record the time and date
  - Print and sign name next to **Cancelled Stamp**
  - ▶ Place Ballot in the Spoiled **Ballot Envelope**
- ► Fill out the *Spoiled Ballot* **Affidavit**
- No more than 3 ballots may be issued to one voter

### SPOILED BALLOT AFFIDAVIT

County: Precinct #(s):

Date: Poll Name:

Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 7-5-602 and 7-5-609 he/she should return the ballot to a poll worker who st "CANCELLED" on its face. The poll worker shall rename next to the Cancelled stamp on the ballot. The ballot, not to exceed three (3) in all. The voter must ballot.	nall void the spoiled ballot by STAMPING cord the time, date, print and sign thei e poll worker shall issue the voter a new
I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear or affirm that spoiled ballot(s) to a poll worker who canceled the ball a new ballot.	
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### **Abandoned Ballots**

P.59-60

## Abandoned in the ExpressVote or DS200

- With Two Poll Workers Present:
  - Step 1: Override warning on the scanner
  - Step 2: Complete the process of casting the ballot
  - ► Step 3: Document the following on the Abandoned Ballot Log:
    - Name of the voter;
    - The time the ballot was found;
    - Names of the poll workers addressing the issue; and
    - All other circumstances surrounding the abandoned ballot.
- ► The Abandoned Ballot Log is on Page 59 of your Manual

### <u>Abandoned Elsewhere in the Poll</u> <u>(not on scanner or machine)</u>

- With Two Poll Workers Present:
  - Step 1: Write <u>ABANDONED</u> across the face of the ballot
  - Step 2: Place the ballot in a separate envelope
  - Step 3: Write Abandoned Ballot on the envelope
  - Step 4: Document all circumstances on the outside of the envelope
  - Step 5: Preserve abandoned ballot separately from other ballots
- Ballots not found in the tabulator are <u>NOT</u> counted!

## **Abandoned Ballot Log - P.63**

		ABANDONED BALLO	TLOG
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### **Conflict Resolution**

- **▶** When dealing with difficult voters or situations:
  - Remain calm and do not escalate the situation;
  - Turn the problem over to another poll worker, if necessary;
  - Call your CBEC or local law enforcement agency, if necessary;
  - Move any disturbance outside the immediate voting area, if possible; and
  - Document problems.

### **Candidates in the Poll**

- No candidates are allowed in person as poll watchers during voting on election day
- Candidates may be present in person at an early voting poll:
  - Only for the purpose of observing
  - May not challenge voters
  - Must show ID
- ▶ If the candidate observing early voting is also a public official:
  - The candidate <u>may not</u> wear anything that identifies him or her as a public official.
  - For example, a candidate cannot wear a:
    - Uniform;
    - Badge; or
    - Other apparel or equipment.

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