

ALASKA ELECTION OFFICIAL

Learn about: Election Fundamentals, Polling Place Set-Up, Opening the Polls, Processing Voters & Closing the Polls

12/1/2021

PRE-ELECTION CHECKLIST

- **Recruit 3 4 workers**. Ensure your board is politically balanced.
- Post Notices You may receive a poster(s) providing election information that must be posted in your community within the precinct area. If you receive the poster, sign and return the posting certificate to your election supervisor.
- □ Contact the polling place provider before Election Day and arrange for building access. GET A KEY if necessary.
- Verify that voting booth(s), ballot box, worktables and chairs are available at the polling place.
- Receive ballots Verify ballot stub numbers match what is printed on the ballot receipt (notify the supervisor if they don't match). Complete, sign and return the ballot receipt to the election supervisor.
- Verify you received all supplies and voting equipment according to your supply inventory sheet. Complete, sign and return the Election Material Chain of Custody to the election supervisor. If anything is missing, contact your election supervisor immediately.
- Store the ballots, supplies and voting equipment (precinct scanner and voting tablet) in a safe location. Store equipment in a warm, dry, secure location. DO NOT store voting equipment in the cold.
- **DO NOT** leave ballots, precinct register or equipment in the polling place overnight.
- □ **REVIEW** the Alaska Election Official's Handbook and online training videos prior to Election Day.
- **COMPLETE** and return the election training oath.
- VERIFY that the parking lot is accessible with no obstructions. Contact your election supervisor if you notice anything that would prevent voters from being able to enter the lot.
- □ VERIFY that the voter entrance and any separate ADA entrances remain unobstructed and accessible to all voters.
- □ WALK from the parking lot to the voting booths. Are there any obstructions that might make it difficult for someone in a wheelchair or with limited mobility to navigate this path?

THE DAY PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY

- □ Remind workers to be at the polling place at least 1/2 hour before polls open.
- □ Setting up as much as you can the day prior will make election morning less stressful.

Have workers arrive at the polling place at least ½ hour before the polls open to help finish setting up if not already done.

Assign the four orange colored Opening Job Cards.

Double-check the following:

Card 1 Election Table.

- □ The American flag is displayed.
- □ All posters, sample ballots, and ballot measure information is displayed.
- Regular paper ballots are in numerical order with the lowest stub number first.
- □ Make sure a magnifying glass is also available for anyone who may need it.

Card 2 Scanner / Ballot Box.

- □ Ballot box is set up.
- □ Security seal locks are in place.
- □ Unit is on and ready, the STATUS REPORT has been signed.

Card 3 Voting Tablet.

- □ Security seal locks are in place.
- □ Printer is connected, on and ready.
- □ Unit is on and ready.
- □ Screen is not facing the public.

Card 4 Voting Booth.

- □ Both regular and accessible voting booths are set up.
- □ A "How to Vote" poster and pen is in each booth.

Once completed, return the opening cards back to this binder.

SETUP & OPENING CHECKLIST

Review and sign the:

- □ Precinct Register Oath.
- **Questioned Register Oath.**
- □ Special Needs Register.
- □ Language Assistance Log.
- □ Timesheets.
- □ Voting Tablet Security Log.
- □ Precinct Scanner Security Log.
- □ Official Ballot Receiving List.

Assign the six green Voting Job Cards.

- Usually, four Election Officials work at the polling place and may rotate duties.
- □ Job cards 1, 2, and 3, are per person.
- Job cards 4-6 can be given to one (or more) person depending on the number of officials working.

Open polls on time.

- **□** 7:00 am for the Primary and General Elections.
- 8:00 am for the state conducted school board elections (REAA) and state conducted special local elections.

Polling place security. Never leave the polling place or election equipment unattended; physical security is the best security. Do not allow loitering or disruptions in the polling place.

Contact your election supervisor if you need assistance. When instructed, call your regional election office to let them know you are open.

FUNDAMENTALS

NO CAMPAIGNING

Campaigning is **not allowed** within 200 feet of any entrance into the voting area during the hours the polls are open.

These rules apply to voters, Poll Watchers and Election Officials.

Election Officials MUST:	
 Post the "Vote Here" campaigning notice at the entrance into the polling place. 	
 Use the ball of string, if needed, to measure 200 ft. from the entrance. 	VOTE HERE District/Precinct: Precinct Name: Date of Election:
 NOT allow campaigning within 200 ft. of any entrance. 	Polls Open: • Campaigning is prohibited within 200 feet of any entrance to the polling place. • If your name is not listed on the precinct register, your may vote a questioned ballot. • Sate and Federal law prohibit fraud and
 NOT allow discussions about candidates or issues on the ballot. 	misrepresentation in the conduct of elections. Report violations to the Division of Elections at the address or telephone number listed below. • If you feel your voting rights have been violated, contact the regional election supervisor at the address or telephone number below:
 NOT allow political buttons, hats, or clothing within 200 ft. of any entrance. 	Negati (Line) Application Application
 NOT allow political signs or bumper stickers within 200 ft. of any entrance. 	

- Voters may bring their own materials to help them vote such as a sample ballot or voter pamphlet. The Official Election Pamphlet can be displayed in the polling place as this does not violate the 200 ft. rule (6 AAC 25.730).
- Check voting booths regularly for campaign or voting materials left behind by the voters.
- Removal or exhibit of ballot is not allowed in a polling place. If voters exhibit ballots, the voter MUST spoil and be issued a replacement ballot. Only Special Needs ballots are allowed to be removed from the polling place.

FUNDAMENTALS

POLL WATCHERS

A Poll Watcher is a person assigned by a political party, candidate, organization, or organized group that sponsors or opposes a ballot measure to observe activities at the polling place guarding against illegal voting, fraudulent counting of ballots, and other election law violations.

These Poll Watchers Rules Must be Followed:

- Poll watchers must wear a Poll Watcher badge with their name on the front and whom they represent on the back (party, candidate, organization, or group).
- Only one Poll Watcher from each political party, candidate, organization, or group is allowed in the polling place at a time.
- Poll Watchers may stand close enough to hear and record name of person voting while maintaining voter privacy.
- Poll Watchers must **NOT** handle any voting materials or sit behind the election official's table.
- Poll Watchers may challenge a voter's qualifications.

EXIT POLLSTER

An Exit Pollster conducts a survey for news coverage or trends used to predict the outcome of an election.

 Exit Pollsters MUST:
 Image: Conduct and the poll and the division staff authorization.

 • Wear an Exit Pollster badge with the name of the person conducting the poll and the division staff authorization.
 Image: Conduct exit polling outside the polling place entrance. The campaign rule does not apply to exit polling.

 • NOT disrupt the voting.
 Image: Conduct exit survey.

 • ONLY approach voters who have already voted and wish to participate in the exit survey.
 Image: Conduct the entrance for voting.

CHAIRPERSON CARD

Poll Watcher

Write Poll Watcher's name her

Reminders

- □ At 7:45 pm, announce the polls will close in 15 minutes.
- At 8:00 pm, declare the polls closed and close the door. If due to the polling location you can't close the door, have an Election Official stand in line to inform late arrivals that the polls are closed. Allow people still in line at 8:00 pm to vote.
- If a voter comes in after the polls close and demands to vote inform the voter that the polls have closed. If the voter insists on voting, have the voter vote a questioned ballot. Make a note on the questioned ballot envelope that the voter arrived after the polls were closed.
- □ Process all voters before closing.
- Divide red Closing Job Cards between Election Officials so they can be completed at the same time.
- □ Prepare election materials for return.

TURN OVER

CLOSING CHECKLIST

Assign the red colored Closing Job Cards.

Some job cards are precinct type specific and may not apply to your location.

Double-check the following:

Card 1 Unused Ballots and Stubs.

<u>Before opening the ballot box</u>, make sure that the remaining unused ballots for destruction are secured.

Card 2 Spoiled Ballot Log and Precinct Register.

The number of spoiled ballots and number of signatures are provided to the Election Official assigned to Closing Card 7 Ballot Accountability.

Card 3 Precinct Equipment.

- □ Scanner Results have printed and transmitted.
- Voting Tablet <u>Before powering off</u>, the number of "Total Ballots Cast" using the Voting Tablet is recorded on line 6 of the Ballot Accountability on the back of the precinct register cover.

Card 4 Hand Counting Ballots. (Scanning precincts skip this section)

- □ The Summary Sheet has been completed and all subtotals match.
- □ Results have been called into the regional office.

Card 5 Securing Voted Ballots.

□ All voted ballots are inside the sealed, signed, and numbered envelope(s).

Card 6 Questioned & Special Needs Ballots.

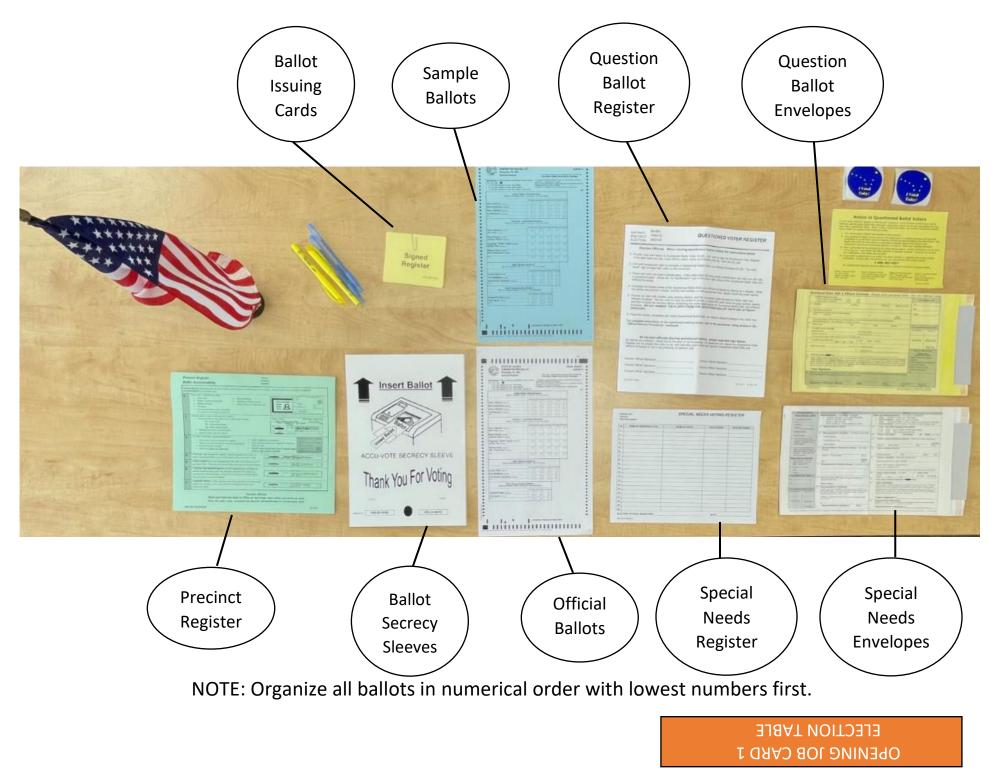
- **Questioned ballot total is entered on line 2 of the Ballot Accountability.**
- □ Special Needs ballot total is entered on line 3 of the Ballot Accountability.

Card 7 Ballot Accountability.

□ The accountability is completed and balanced.

Card 8 Returning Materials - By Mail / On Site.

- By Mail- The return address card was flipped over and mailed the day after the election. The chain of custody form is completed.
- □ On Site Materials are returned election night.



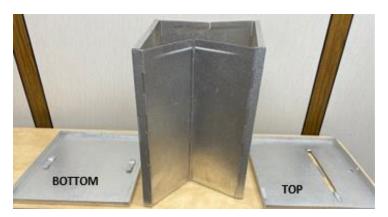
CHAIRPERSON:

For **scanning precincts,** assign an Election Official to set up the scanner using the separate *Precinct Scanner Guide*.



For **hand count** precincts, assign an Election Official to set up the ballot box.

Seat the ballot box inside the bottom with the side pins on the outside. Twist bottom latches to secure. Align the lid flanges into the slots and secure with a zip tie.





CHAIRPERSON:

Assign an election official to set up the Voting Tablet using the separate *Voting Tablet Guide*.



SET UP ACCORDING TO GRAPHIC

Step 1: Lift the legs, straighten the diagonal brace and set the booth upright.

Step 2: Open the booth by inserting a pen or similar object and slide the metal locks towards the center of the case.

Step 3: Raise and straighten the metal curtain supports and extend the curtain arm on each support.

Step 4: Place the lid of the case upside down on the front support and hook the holes along the back edge of the lid.

Step 5: Hang the white curtain around the sides and fix the striped curtain to the front with the metal rods.









VOTING BOOTH OPENING JOB CARD 4

Step 1: Lift the legs, straighten the diagonal brace and set the booth upright.

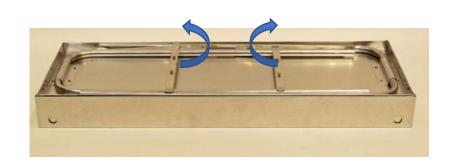
Step 2: Open the booth by inserting a pen or similar object and slide the metal locks towards the center of the case.

Step 3: There should be two metal feet for each handicapvoting booth. <u>The feet are left and right specific</u>. One at a time, place the short metal stubs on a foot inside the tubing that forms a leg of the booth. Rotate the flat metal end pieces and hook them to the metal stops attached to the booth's leg. Extend the curtain arms on each support to the front and straighten the diagonal braces.

Step 4: Position the lid of the case so that the end of the booth's upright curtain supports first through the holes in the short side of the lid. The long side of the lid will hang down the back of the booth. There are 1 ½-inch screws protruding from the long side of the lid. Push these screws through small holes in the upright curtain supports.

Step 5: Hang the white curtain around the sides and back of the booth. Fasten the curtain to the extended curtain arms using the spring clips attached to the top of the curtain.

Step 6: The door curtain has a metal rod with ends that are bent at right angles. Insert the ends of the curtain rod into the small openings at the end of each curtain arm at the front of the booth.







ACCESSABLE VOTING BOOTH OPENING JOB CARD 4

PRECINCT REGISTER OFFICIAL

Step 1: Check the voter's identification – Acceptable forms of ID are listed on the "Have Identification Ready" poster.



HAVE IDENTI	FICATION READY
Voters MUST be prepared to s	how one form of identification such as
Voter ID Card Driver's License State Identification Card Passport Other forms of ide	Military ID Card Birth Certificate Hunting or Fishing License Other current or valid photo ID mtification you may present,
	r name and current address, are:
	Bill • Bank Statement heck • Pay Check hent Document
	have identification, o vote a Questioned Ballot
	QUESTIONED BALLOT stioned ballot. Your ballot will then be placed inside a completed

 Do you personally know the voter? If so, you do not need to ask for ID, unless MUST SHOW ID appears on the voter's signature line.

Step 2: Locate the voter's name on the precinct register.

- If the voter's name cannot be located or has changed, the voter MUST vote a questioned ballot.
- If MUST SHOW ID appears on the signature line, the voter must show ID even if you know them. If they do not have ID, the voter must vote a questioned ballot.
- Questioned or special needs voters DO NOT sign the precinct register.

Step 3: Mark the type of ID presented by the voter with an X in the appropriate column or if personally known, mark PK.

(VC) = Voter ID Card (OI) = Other ID (PK) = Personally Known

Step 4: Have the voter sign the precinct register.

- Highlight the voter's name on the precinct register.
- Voter signs or makes a mark on the precinct register above their printed name.
- Give the voter a "Signed Register" card.



Step 5: The voter MUST vote a questioned ballot if:

- Voter's name is not in the register
- Voter does NOT have ID and is not personally known
- Voter's eligibility was challenged
- Voter arrived after 8:00pm and demands to vote

- Voter's name changed
- Voter's residence changed
- Already Voted is on signature line
- MUST SHOW ID is on signature line and voter still does not have acceptable identification

Step 6: Direct voter to the ballot issuing official to receive their ballot.

REMINDER

If the voter has signed the precinct register and leaves without voting or votes a questioned ballot instead, cross out the voter's signature and make a note on the precinct register.

VOTING JOB CARD 2 BALLOT ISSUING OFFICIAL

BALLOT ISSUING OFFICIAL

Collect the Signed Register card from the voter.



Step 1: Issue voter a paper ballot unless the voter needs or would benefit using the voting tablet. If the voter is going to use the voting tablet, direct them to the Voting Tablet Official for assistance.

Step 2: For regular paper ballots, you will issue them in numerical order, starting with the lowest stub number first. Provide the ballot to the voter inside a secrecy sleeve folder.

Step 3: Provide instructions to the voter:

- Vote both sides of the ballot, if applicable.
- Completely fill in the ovals.
- Ranked Choice Voting General Election Only: Voter ranks as many or as few candidates as they like by completely filling in the oval in the (1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, etc.) column for each candidate. The voter can only fill in one oval for each candidate or column.
- Deposit ballot into precinct scanner or ballot box.

Write-Ins (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

Voter must write the name of the write-in candidate on the space provided AND completely fill in the oval to rank their choice. A list of write-in candidates will be included in supplies for election officials to assist voters. Do NOT post the write-in list or discuss write-in candidates.

Spoiled Ballots MUST be recorded.

If a voter makes an error on their ballot the voter may receive a replacement ballot. A voter may only be issued up to **two** replacement ballots of any combination (paper or voting tablet).

Step 1: Record that the ballot was spoiled on the "Spoiled Ballot Envelope Log".

Step 2: Instruct the voter to tear up the spoiled or mismarked ballot and place it into the Spoiled Ballot Envelope.

Step 3: Issue the voter a new ballot. Only issue one replacement ballot at a time.

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	Total Spoiled Ballots	2		

BALLOT BOX OFFICIAL

Step 1: Instruct voters to insert their voted ballot into the designated ballot box, either by feeding the ballot through the precinct scanner or by dropping it directly into the ballot box, depending on your location.

- Please be aware that there is about a TEN-second delay before the ballot will be accepted by the scanner.
- Once ballot is in ballot box voters may NOT be issued a new ballot. DO NOT retrieve ballot from ballot box. If the voter demands a new ballot, they must vote a questioned ballot.
- Questioned and Special Needs Ballots Must be sealed in their ballot envelope then placed in the emergency bin or other ballot box. Make sure voters are not attempting to place their questioned or special needs ballot (without an envelope) into the ballot box.

Reminders:

- To give the voter privacy, stand to the side of the ballot box where the display screen of the precinct scanner is located.
- Election officials may assist voters. Be mindful of privacy.

If the ballot is rejected from the scanner:

Message on Scanner	Action
Blank Ballot	Ask voter to confirm choices and if okay, press green
Over Voted Ballot	CAST button.
 Invalid Ballot Ranked Choice Problem 	Ask voter to re-insert the ballot in a different direction. If the ballot continues to be rejected, read the ballot error message on screen.
	As you approach the ballot box, cover the voter's ballot with a secrecy sleeve while reading the message on the screen.
	If the ballot still will NOT scan, voter may spoil their ballot and receive a replacement ballot or if voter does NOT want a replacement, voter inserts ballot into emergency bin.

Step 2: Thank the voter for participating and provide them with an "I Voted" sticker.

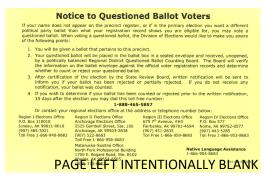
QUESTIONED OFFICIAL

EVERY ELECTION OFFICIAL MUST SIGN THE QUESTIONED VOTER REGISTER

Why a questioned ballot?

- Not on the precinct register
- No identification and is NOT personally known
- MUST SHOW ID is on signature line and voter still does not have acceptable identification
- Residence address or name change
- Voter's qualifications are challenged
- The voter has already voted

Step 1: Give this notice to the voter.



Step 2: Voter MUST complete the questioned register.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the information on this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am a US Citizen; a resident of Alaska; at least 18 years of age; and I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state, or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration. I am or have been a registered voter in Alaska at some time in the last 4 years or am newly registering. I have not and will not vote in any other manner in this election. WARNING: If you provide false information, you can be convicted of a misdemeanor.

#	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	You MUST provide an identifier: Voter #, Social Security #, Last 4 Social Security #, Alaska Drivers License # or Birth Date
1.	Sally Voter	Sally Voter	9876
2.	Mary Smith	Mary Smith	07/04/1995

Step 3: Check Voter's ID.

If the voter does not have identification, mark "no identification and unknown" in the lower right-hand corner of the envelope. The voter may still vote using the questioned ballot.

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the voter signed on in the questioned register and put that number here.	Reason for Questioned Ballot Not on Precinct Register Moved No Identification & Unknown Not a US Citizen Not a US Citizen Not 18 years of Age	Question Question D Not on Precin Moved No Identifica D Not a US Citt Not a US Citt Not 18 years	 Write Political Affiliation Here: I swear or affirm, under penakty of perjury, that: The information on this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am a resident of Alaska and I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am new person convicted to vote in another state, or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registering. I am or have been a registered voter in Maska at or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration. I am or have been a registered voter in Maska at come time in the last 4 years or am newly registering. I have not and will solve the personal vote in any other manner in this election. Voter Signature Vote By Signing as a witness, I attest that to the best of my knowledge, the applicant is
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VOTING JOB CARD 5

SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING

SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING REGISTER

SPECIAL NEEDS OFFICIAL

Special needs voting is for any voter who is unable to go to the polling place due to age, illness, or a disability. Special needs voters **DO NOT** sign the precinct register. **DO NOT** open special needs envelopes.

(See the reverse side for an example envelope)

Step 1: The Election Official completes 1-3 on the left side column of the

envelope, under When Issuing a Ballot.

Step 2: The representative completes the Special Needs Voting Register.

Step 3: The representative completes Step 1 of the envelope and signs under Step 1.

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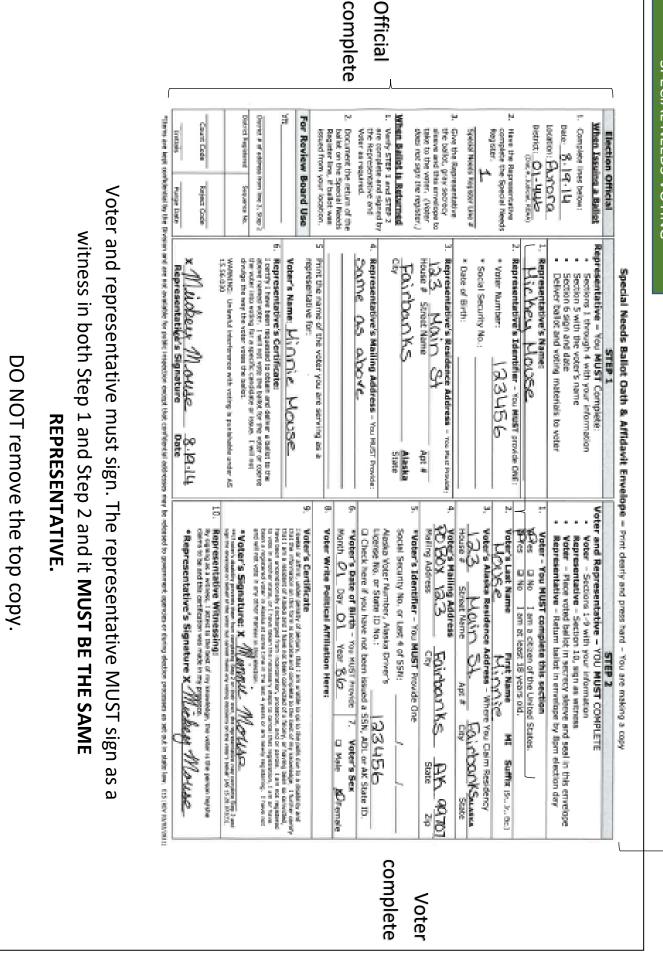
secrecy sleeve, then place inside the completed special needs envelope. Do NOT seal. Give ballot package to Personal Representative.

Step 5: Instruct the representative that the voter completes 1-9 under Step 2, the representative signs on line 10 under Step 2, and returns the ballot to any precinct by 8:00 pm.

Step 6: When an envelope is returned to your location, verify all information is complete, complete 1-2 on the left side column under when ballot is returned, write date returned on the special needs register.

** Make a note on Special Needs Register if the ballot is not returned by 8:00 pm on election night.

Reminders: (1) The voter's residence address should be where they reside and not a temporary location as this can invalidate portions of the ballot. (2) If a special needs ballot is returned that you did not issue, this will not affect your ballot accountability and do not record it on any register. Accept the ballot as usual and deliver it with all election materials. (3) If a voter's disability prevents them from completing the envelope the representative may do so for the voter.



VOTING JOB CARD 5 SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING

DISABILITY & LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE OFFICIAL

Federal law allows a voter to have a person of his or her choice aid the voter during the voting process.

Who can assist a voter? - Anyone can aid a voter except for a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

The person helping may go into the voting booth to assist the voter.

Voter can't sign? This works! The voter can make a mark.

VREMS - (GBTEST) GEPR680P-R1 RUSSIAN JACK	EL-ID 1		DIVISION OF ELECTIONS CINCT REGISTER PRECINCT 450	DATE: 05/05/203 TIME: 07:40 PAGE: 1
VOTER NO	IDENTIFIED BY (VC) (OI) (PK)	NAME & SIGNATURE (LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE INIT		**********
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2 22222222	()()	ABAILA FERENCO A	4901 E 26TH AVE	ANCHORAGE
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Can I Help? – For detailed tips on assisting voters:

- Disability & Voter Assistance Refer to pages 29 and 30 for more information on disability awareness and voter assistance.
- Language Assistance Refer to the *Election Procedures for Bilingual Election Workers and Translators* manual.
 - Use the *Language Assistance Requests Log* to record the type of assistance provided and in what language. Do not list voter's name.
 - **Sign** and return the *Language Assistance Log* even if you did not have any voters who requested language assistance.

Need a translator? - Contact your election supervisor

- At least one member of the election board is bilingual in many rural precincts.
- When providing an oral translation of the ballot information, the translator may not voice their own opinion on candidates or issues appearing on the ballot.

Disability Awareness and Voter Assistance Information

General Awareness Tips

- Use common sense. Treat people with disabilities the same way you would treat others – as a person! A person is a person first. The disability comes second.
- Be sensitive to their needs. People with disabilities are much more independent than people give them credit for being. Getting around the physical environment is often less frustrating than trying to communicate with people who are not sensitive to their needs.
- Stay focused. Limit inquiries about the person's disability to access and accommodation needs. It is understandable to be curious about someone's disability and he/she may be willing to talk to you about it, but it has little to do with the business at hand.
- Don't assume. What works for one person may not work for others with the same or similar type of disability.
- Don't be afraid to offer assistance. If the person looks as if they need assistance, ask if there is something you can do. Don't automatically give help unless the person clearly needs it or has asked for it.
- Don't be patronizing. Show the person the same respect that you expect to receive from others. Treat adults as adults.
- Use appropriate terminology. Avoid terms like physically challenged and handicapped. Within the disability community, it is common practice to say, "people with disabilities" rather than saying "disabled people". Saying "a person who uses a wheelchair" is appropriate. "Wheelchair user", "wheelchair bound" or "wheelchair restricted" is not. If in doubt, ask; people with disabilities are generally tolerant and forgive most social blunders.

General Assistance Tips

The voter may have a person of his or her choice help as long as that person is not their employer, agent of their employer or agent of a union that the voter is a member of. Service animals are also allowed.

Sample ballots are great tools to assist voters. If voters are standing in line, encourage them to review sample ballots so that they are prepared to vote when they get into the voting booth.

- Give the person extra time to complete each task.
- Offer voters with disabilities the opportunity to vote unassisted on the voting tablet.
- If you notice that someone appears confused, approach the person courteously and offer assistance.
- Ask questions to determine if assistance is needed. Suggest specific actions, as opposed to general processes.
- Explain concisely. Exercise patience. Voting can be a first-time experience for some people.
- Ask for help from a service provider, if available. Service providers may transport and accompany individuals or groups. Their goal is to support the integration of people with disabilities in the community.
- Offer assistance with reading, equipment operation, etc. People may have lowlanguage and/or reading skills. Helping people use the voting tablet may be necessary.
- Stay aware in case the person needs more help. People who experience cognitive impairments may avoid asking for help.

ASSISTING VOTERS WITH...

Hearing Impairments - Speak clearly and distinctly but don't exaggerate. Use normal speech speed unless asked to slow down. Speak directly to the person, instead of from the side or behind the person.

- If you are having trouble understanding a deaf person's speech, feel free to ask him/her to repeat. If that doesn't work, then use paper and pen. Printed instructions may be useful.
- If a person who is deaf is with an interpreter, speak directly to the person, not to the interpreter.
- Find out how the person communicates. If the person reads lips, speak in a normal fashion.
 Do not exaggerate your speaking. Short and simple sentences and yes/no questions may work best. Avoid blocking the view of your face and mouth.
- Get someone's attention by tapping his/her shoulder or gently waving your hand in front of that person before starting a conversation.

Visual Impairments - Introduce yourself and let the voter know that you are an election official.

- Give the person verbal information about things that are visually obvious to those who can see. Describe things from their perspective, not yours. Some people who are blind use a "clock" reference for things or obstacles directly in front of them. For example, you can state, "There is a chair at 10 o'clock." Before using this method, ask if it is useful to them.
- Lead someone who is blind only after he/she has accepted your offer to do so. Touch his/her arm, and then offer your arm to guide that person. Allow the voter to hold your arm rather than you holding on to theirs.
- Do not interact with a service animal or guide dog while it is working.
- Keep the path to the voting booth clear of obstacles.
- Inform the person of snow levels and/or icy conditions when walking on the sidewalk or ramp near the door. This can help prevent accidents.
- Do not leave a person who is blind in an empty space. Provide a physical object, a table, chair, etc. so that he or she can remain oriented. For example, "The chair at the registration table is directly in front of you, about 18 inches. Would you like me to place your hand on it?"
- If you are with a person who is blind and need to leave, tell him/her you are going in a
 respectful way, such as "I need to go check with the election official". Otherwise, he/she may
 not realize you have gone and try to continue a conversation.

Mobility Impairments - Watch diligently for voters with mobility issues. If necessary,

assist the voter into the polling place.

- Offer assistance but wait until it is accepted before giving it. Giving help before it is accepted is perceived as rude and can sometimes be unsafe.
- Don't touch a person's wheelchair without permission.
- Give the person adequate time to complete tasks.
- Eye contact is important for one-on-one conversation. Find a nearby place to sit where you can see eye-to-eye.
- Talk directly to a person with a disability as you would any other person.

SECURE UNUSED BALLOTS & STUBS

Step 1. Provide the First Unused Ballot Stub Number and the Last Ballot Stub Number Used to the Election Official who is completing the Closing Job Card Ballot Accountability Job Card 7

Step 2. Completely Unused Ballot Pads

- Return by Mail Precincts: For the pads of ballots that have not had any ballots removed, tear the ballots in half and discard the entire pad, including the stubs.
- Return in Person Precincts: Tape the box closed and secure with a Tamper Proof Seal and return to the election supervisor.

Step 3. Preparing Ballot Stubs

Completely Used Ballot Pads:

Return the top narrow stub from the pads where all ballots were used.

Partially Used Ballot Pads:

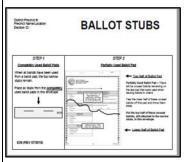
- Return the stubs from partially used ballot pads. Keep the partially used pad available for completing the Ballot Accountability. Tear the bottom half of the ballots off the pad and discard the bottom half. Put the top half of the ballots, still attached to the narrow stub, in the Ballot Stubs envelope.
- □ Seal the envelope and sign across the flap.

Return by Mail Precincts: Place sealed Ballot Stub envelope into the **GREEN** bag if you mail back your supplies.

Return in Person Precincts: Place the sealed Ballot Stub envelope into the **RED or BLUE** supply bag if your precinct returns your materials in person to the election supervisor or Hub location.



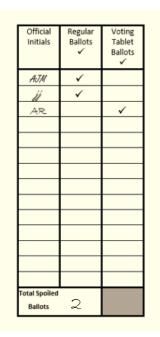
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SPOILED BALLOT LOG

Step 1. Add up the columns to get the total number of spoiled <u>regular</u> stubbed paper ballots.

Step 2. Give this number to the election official who is completing the **Ballot Accountability Job Card 7**.



PRECINCT REGISTER

Step 1. Starting on page one, count the number of signatures on each page (even if it is zero) and fill in the "# OF SIGNATURES:" line at the bottom of the register.

Step 2. Continue to add up the number of signatures per page and add to the previous page subtotal so that you have an increasing subtotal.

STEP 3. On the last page, give the final total number of signatures in the precinct register to the election official who is completing the Closing Job Card **Ballot Accountability**

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# OF SIG	GNATURES:	0	SUB TOTAL:	5	PAGE 3 OF 4	
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CHAIRPERSON:

For **scanning precincts**, assign an Election Official to close out the scanner, using the *Precinct Scanner Guide*.



Assign an election official to close out the **Voting Tablet** using the separate

Voting Tablet Guide.



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FOR HANDCOUNT PRECINCTS ONLY

SORT AND STACK

Once all your unused ballots are destroyed and your ballot stubs are placed in the ballot stub envelope (Closing Job Card 1), you may open the ballot box and prepare for counting the voted ballots.

To hand count the ballots, work in teams of two and sort ballots as outlined below:

Step 1: Sort the regular voted paper ballots so that they are all face up, using groups of 5, 10 or 25, for ease of counting.

Step 2: Count the total number of regular voted paper ballots.

Step 3: Record the total number of paper ballots on the Summary Sheet in the space provided on both the original (white) and duplicate (yellow) Summary Sheets.

Now you can begin recording results on to your summary sheets.

Step 1: Start with the first race on the ballot.

Step 2: Sort the ballots into different stacks based on which candidate in the race received the vote. *During a November General Election, sort the ballots into stacks based on which candidate in the race received a vote in the 1st choice column.*

Step 3: Make a stack for "No Vote Tallied." Place ballots in this stack that were left blank, had an invalid mark, too many candidates marked in a race or in the 1st choice column.

Step 4: Once the ballots are sorted, each team member will count the number of ballots in the sorted stacks. One worker will record the votes on the original and duplicate Summary Sheets.

Results will be tallied one race at a time using the 'sort and stack' method. Please see the following page for an example.

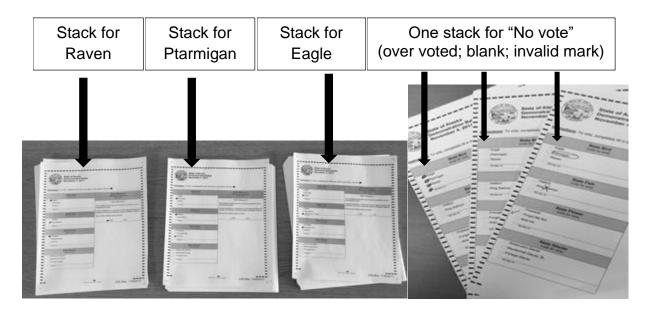
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FOR HANDCOUNT PRECINCTS ONLY

Example

There are three candidates in the race for State Bird (Eagle, Ptarmigan, and Raven). Sort all ballots marked for Eagle into a stack; all ballots marked for Ptarmigan into a stack and all ballots marked for Raven into a stack. Make another stack for 'No Vote.'

Write-Ins: In a General or REAA Election, you may need a stack for write-ins. Remember in the General Election, you will only count write-in candidates in the 1st choice column.



Once the ballots have been sorted into separate stacks, check each stack to make sure that a ballot was not placed incorrectly such as a vote for Eagle was not placed in the stack for Raven.

One worker will count the votes for each stack into groups of 5, 10 or 25. Crisscross the stacks to make it easier to track totals. As you are counting, look at the candidate voted for on the ballot to make sure it is the right candidate for the stack you are counting. Each team member should count the ballots in each stack to make sure the count is correct.

CLOSING JOB CARD 4 HAND COUNTING BALLOTS

FOR HANDCOUNT PRECINCTS ONLY

Example continued

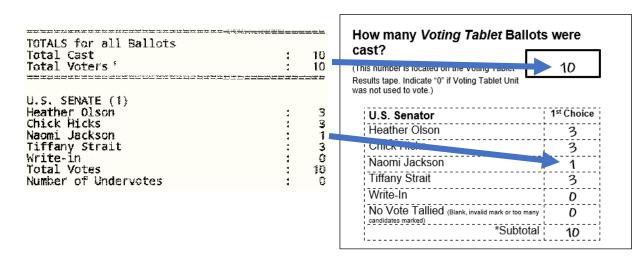
Once all ballots have been counted for a stack, for example all ballots marked for Eagle, record the total number of votes that candidate received in the space provided on the original (white) and duplicate (yellow) Summary Sheets.

The subtotal for each race must equal the total number of regular paper ballots voted. After the votes for the first candidate on the ballot are counted and recorded in the Summary Sheets, go to the next candidate in that same race and repeat the steps.

Once you have completed sorting, counting, and recording the ballots for all the candidates from the first race on the ballot, go to the next race on the ballot and repeat those same steps until all the races on the ballot have been counted.

Paper Ballots - After the entire ballot has been counted and recorded on the Summary Sheets, sign the oath at the bottom of the Summary Sheets.

Voting Tablet Ballots – Record the votes that were cast on the Voting Tablet onto the Summary Sheet. Refer to the results tape to transfer the <u>total cast</u> and the <u>candidate results</u> onto the Summary Sheets.



Securing Voting Tablet Ballot Tape - Secure the results tape containing the zero report and voted ballots into the "Voting Tablet – Voted Ballot Tape" envelope.

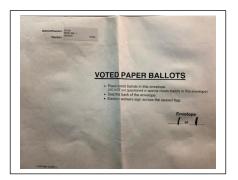
SECURE VOTED BALLOTS - HANDCOUNT

(Precincts that scan results turn this card over)

Have results been counted, recorded, and called in? (Closing Job Card 4)

Step 1: Place all voted paper ballots into the envelope labeled "VOTED PAPER BALLOTS".

- Seal the Voted Ballot Envelope All election officials <u>MUST SIGN</u> across the SEALED FLAP.
- Number the Voted Ballot Envelope(s) Example: (1 of 1) or (1 of 2 and 2 of 2).



Step 2: Place all sealed Voted Paper Ballot envelope(s) into the appropriate canvas bag.

• Precincts that return supplies by mail secure the Voted Paper Ballot envelope(s) in the **GREEN** bag and return as instructed.

SECURE VOTED BALLOTS – PRECINCT SCANNER

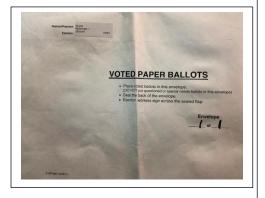
(Precincts that hand count results turn this card over)

Once all your unused ballots for destruction are secured and your ballot stubs are placed in the ballot stub envelope (Closing Job Card 1), you may open the ballot box and secure your voted ballots.

Step 1: Check emergency bin and scan those ballots. If any ballot won't scan, place it in the Uncounted Ballot Envelope.

Step 2: Remove all voted scanned ballots from the main ballot box compartment and place into the envelope labeled "VOTED PAPER BALLOTS."

- Seal the Voted Ballot Envelope All election officials <u>MUST SIGN</u> across the SEALED FLAP.
- Number the Voted Ballot Envelope(s) Example: (1 of 1) or (1 of 2 and 2 of 2).

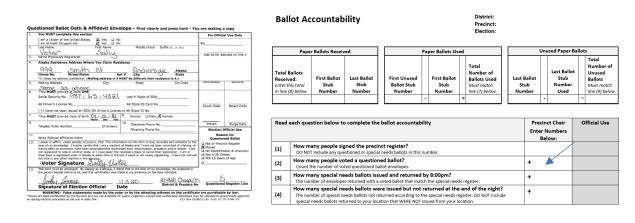


Step 3: Place all sealed Voted Ballot envelope(s) into the appropriate canvas bag.

- Precincts that return supplies by mail secure the Voted Ballot envelopes in the **GREEN** bag and return.
- Precincts that return supplies to a HUB Site or Regional Office location secure their Voted Ballots in the **BLACK** duffle bag.

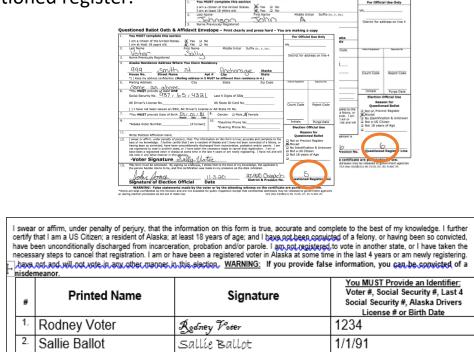
QUESTIONED BALLOT ENVELOPES

Step 1: Count the number of questioned ballot envelopes and give to the election official who is completing the **Ballot Accountability Job Card 7**.



CLOSING JOB CARD 6 QUESTIONED & SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOTS

Step 2: Arrange the envelopes in the same order as the names appear on the questioned register.

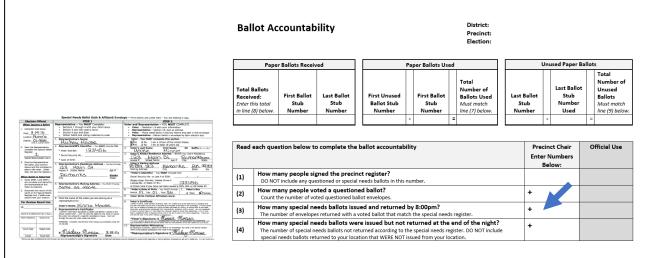


Step 3: Place voted questioned ballots and questioned ballot register in the appropriate white Tyvek envelope included in your supplies for voted questioned ballot materials.

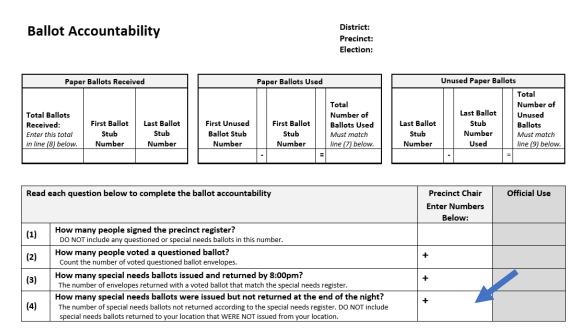
Do not open and tally questioned ballots.

SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOT ENVELOPES

Step 1: Count the number of special needs ballot envelopes that you issued and were returned by 8:00 pm and provide to the election official who is completing the **Ballot Accountability Job Card 7**, line 3.



Step 2: If you issued special needs ballots that were not returned, record this number on the ballot accountability as well on line 4. The voted special needs ballots are returned to the election supervisor. **Do not open and tally special needs ballots.**



Step 3: Place the voted special needs ballots and special needs register in the appropriate white Tyvek envelope included in your supplies for voted special needs ballot envelopes.

Ballot Accountability

Closing Job Card 1 "Unused Ballots and Stubs" will provide information for filling out the top part of the accountability. **Closing Job Card 6** will provide information for determining the number of Questioned and Special Needs ballots and the Election Official assigned the Voting Tablet will provide the number of ballots cast on this device.

It is recommended that one worker complete the ballot accountability. The ballot accountability is a record of how your precinct used the ballots and it **MUST** be completed.

Step 1: Fill out the top part of the ballot accountability and verify that ballot stub numbers are accurate for all ballots received and used. The total quantity and starting stub number will be pre-filled.

- **Paper Ballots Used** Record the First Unused Ballot Stub Number and the First Ballot Stub Number to get the Total Number of Ballots Used.
- Unused Paper Ballots— Record the Last Ballot Stub Number AND the Last Ballot Stub Number Used to get the Total Number of Unused Ballots.

Step 2: Fill out the bottom part of the ballot accountability.

- Read and complete each line on the Ballot Accountability.
- Lines 7, 8, and 9 must match the totals in the top part.
- Record the spoiled regular paper ballot totals on line 5.

When completing the Ballot Accountability - Only **count** the number of special needs and question ballot envelopes. DO NOT OPEN the envelopes.

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Ballot Accountability

Paper Ballots Received

Paper Ballots Used

Enter this total Received: **Total Ballots**

First Ballot

Last Ballot

First Unused Ballot Stub

First Ballot

Last Ballot

Last Ballot

Unused Ballots

Number of

Total

Stub

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Must match **Ballots Used** Number of

Election: 20PRIM Precinct: AURORA District: 01-446

RETURN BY MAIL

(PRECINCTS THAT RETURN MATERIALS IN-PERSON, TURN THIS CARD OVER)

Red Bag Must Contain:

- E16 envelope containing items listed on front of envelope
- □ Election materials supply folder/binder
- Voting tablet supply folder
- □ Remaining materials/supplies



Green Bag Must Contain:

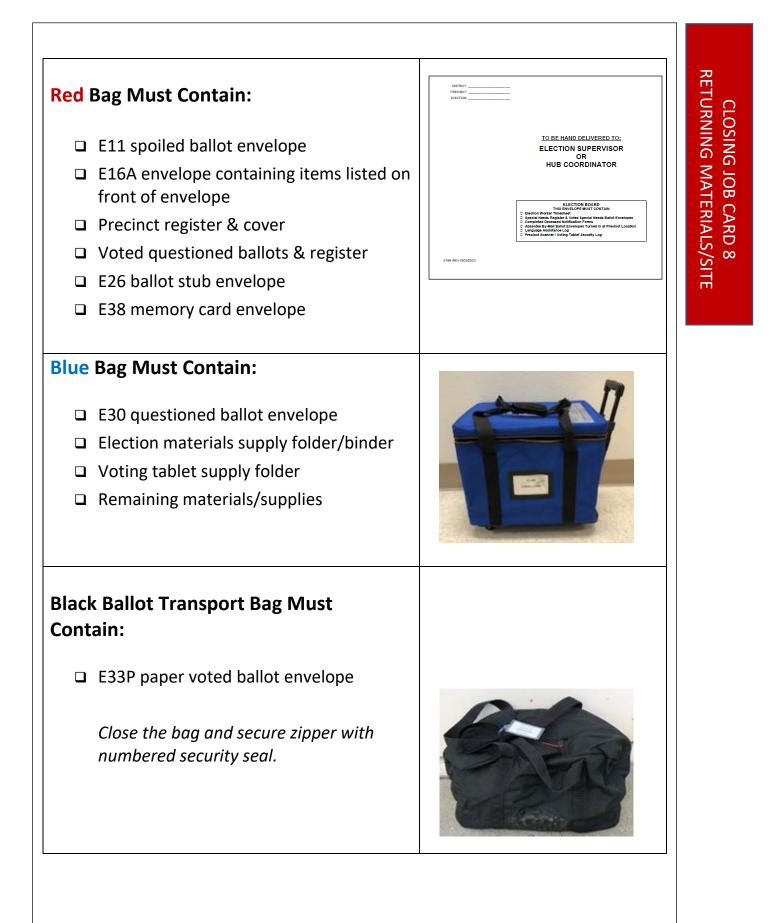
- □ Precinct register & cover
- □ E11 spoiled ballot envelope
- □ E26 ballot stub envelope
- □ E33P paper voted ballot envelope
- E33VT voting tablet voted ballot tape envelope
- □ Original summary sheet (if applicable)
- □ E38 memory card envelope
- Turn the address card in the window of the bags over so it shows the outgoing address.
- Zip both bags completely closed. Take a red security tab and push it into the two holes at the end of the black clip on the closed zipper

Both bags are ready for mailing.





RETURN IN PERSON – SITE DELIVERY



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

PAPER BALLOT SUPPLY: NOT ENOUGH OR MISSING

What if the precinct does not have enough paper ballots or if ballots are missing? Contact the regional election supervisor immediately. If there are not enough ballots or ballots are missing on Election Day, use sample ballots, ballots removed from an official election pamphlet or sheets of paper on which the names of candidates and issues are written until new ballots are delivered. Complete the certificate on the precinct register. (*Keep in mind that you may also have the voter vote on the voting tablet unit until paper ballots are supplied.*)

PRECINCT REGISTER MISSING

What should the election board do if the precinct register is missing?

Contact the election supervisor immediately. Do not turn voters away from the polls. Have all voters vote a questioned ballot until a precinct register can be provided.

- Ask each voter to sign in on the questioned voter register. If all lines are filled, have voters sign in on a separate sheet of paper. Voters must print and sign their names and provide identification.
- Ask each voter to complete a questioned ballot envelope.

If a precinct runs out of questioned ballot envelopes, voters may still vote. A plain envelope may be used. Ask voters to print their name, residence and mailing addresses and an identifier, such as social security number, date of birth or voter number on the envelope. The voter must sign the envelope and an election worker must sign the envelope as a witness.

- Ask the voter for identification. If the voter does not have identification, write "no ID" on the envelope.
- Issue the voter a ballot and secrecy sleeve or a piece of paper to return the ballot. The voter should be instructed to return the ballot to the election worker in the sleeve or wrapped in paper after voting.
- When the voter returns the voted ballot, it should be placed in the questioned ballot envelope or a plain envelope that has been written on and signed by the voter and an election worker. Seal the envelope and have the voter drop the envelope in the ballot box.
- When the election board opens the ballot box after the polls close, <u>DO NOT</u> open these envelopes. Rubber band the ballot envelopes together. Put them in the envelope for questioned ballots and mail or return to the election supervisor.

POLLING PLACE NOT AVAILABLE

What should the election board do if the polling place is unavailable?

Find another polling place. If a school, public building, church or even a private home is nearby, ask permission to set up the polling place. Post signs at both the original and new polling places so that voters can find the new location.

As soon as possible, contact the election supervisor. The election supervisor will notify the voters and the news media of the change.

BALLOT BOX MISSING OR UNUSABLE

What should the election board do if the ballot box is missing or unusable?

A cardboard box or similar empty box can be used as a temporary ballot box. Tape the box closed. Cut a slot in the top to make an opening large enough for ballots to be inserted.

FIRE ALARM

What should the election board do if a fire alarm goes off?

Assess the situation; remember the safety of the election board comes first. If possible, secure the ballots and lock the door as you leave. However, do not take any risk that may jeopardize the safety of your election board.

TSUNAMI WARNING

Follow evacuation instructions for your community provided by the public safety advisory for tsunami warnings. Assess the situation. Safety of your election board comes first. If possible, secure the ballots and lock the door as you leave. However, do not take any risk that may jeopardize the safety of your election board.

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