

Experienced Poll Watcher Training 2023



Training Objectives

- Inform PWs of the relevant changes to election laws, procedures, and equipment for 2023
- Provide a “review” of Poll Watcher roles and responsibilities
- Provide instructions for submitting your Shift Report via an updated online Report Form:
 - Daily DS200 counts, poll book, and other form numbers
 - Any FCOE failures to follow proper procedures
 - Engage PWs to support 2024 legislation goals: count, describe, report these instances:
 1. To require a photo ID; document cases of no ID that require the use of an ID Confirmation Statement
 2. To reduce Early Voting from 45 days to something significantly shorter – e.g., two weeks
 3. To end Same Day Registration and return to the prior registration deadline
 4. Differentiate the use of a Driver Privilege Card from a Driver’s License. Rename *Driver License* to *Driver Privilege Card* for those cards issued to non-citizens. Do not allow a Driver Privilege Card to be used as a valid ID for voting

Report today to reform our election laws tomorrow!

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Changes from 2022

- All Early Voting Satellites now staffed with Election Officers – **no longer General Registrar Staff**
- New Procedures/Guidances
 - New Check-in process during Early Voting
 - Additional EOs at some precincts to handle the anticipated volume of Same Day Registrations
 - One new Precinct added; 5 Precinct name changes
- New Electoral Board Member
- New PW Reporting Process to report the DS200 scanner counts AND your observations to Fairfax GOP
 - Closing shift report numbers will be automatically sent via email to the next day opening shift PW
- PWs can self-cancel and reschedule if needed

No More Staff Differences in Terminology Between Early Voting (EV) and Election Day (ED)

Previously: General Registrar's Staff - employees (regular or seasonal) worked at the:

- Early Voting Sites and 15 Satellites
- Were referred to as Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors

Now Election Officers will work both during EV & on ED

- EOs will staff all precincts during both Early Voting and on Election Day
- EOs are managed by Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs – no more Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors

There is now EO party parity both during Early Voting and on Election Day.

New Process for Voter Check-in during Early Voting

- There will be **NO check-in forms** used and **NO check-in tables** needed - there will still be EOs to greet voters, maintain line control, and monitor the drop box
- All voters will check-in with an EO at the poll pad table, per usual
- Each Check-in EO will have a **Ballot on Demand (BOD) Printer** affiliated with his/her poll pad, which will print a precinct-specific ballot as each voter is checked-in
 - All EOs will sign the BOD Oath daily at the beginning of their shift, attesting that they will print the correct ballot for each voter
 - Chiefs will sign the BOD Oath form at the end of each day certifying the number of ballots printed that day. This form gets clipped to the Daily Reconciliation Worksheet and stored in the Printed Ballots Oath Envelope.
- After the EO checks-in a voter, prints and hands the voter his ballot, the voter will go directly to the ballot marking tables
- **There will be NO ballot table**, since the voter will receive his/her ballot directly from the Check-in EO



Same Day Registration (SDR)

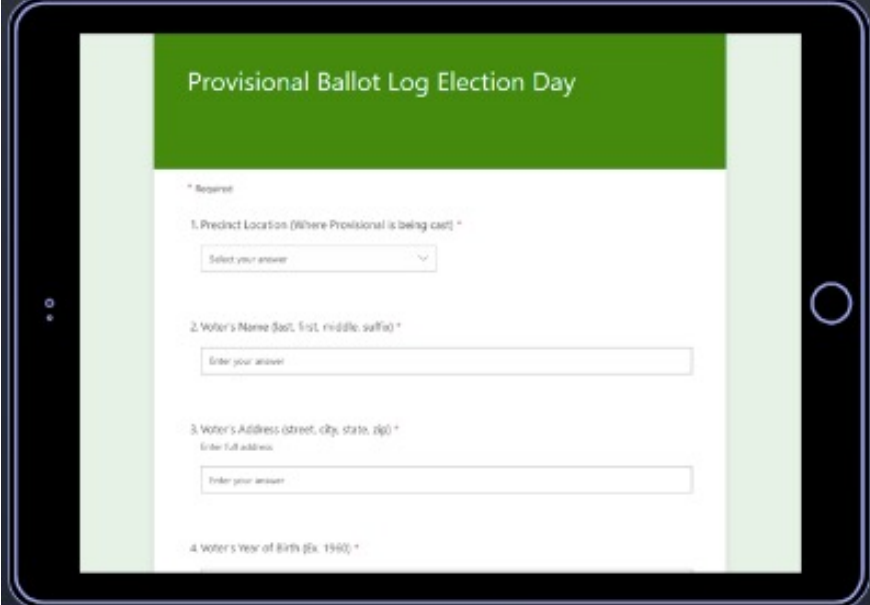
Same-Day Registration: §24.2-420.1 Extended time for persons to register in person

- **Additional Staff**

- An additional EO may be assigned to some or all precincts on **Election Day** to work part or the entire voting day to assist with handling anticipated SDR volumes

- **Equipment – No Change**

- **Electronic Provisional log:** Chiefs/Assistant Chiefs will continue to fill out the provisional log on a **dedicated iPad** in addition to manually filling out the traditional green provisional envelope log



The image shows a tablet displaying a digital form titled "Provisional Ballot Log Election Day". The form is white with a green header bar. It contains four numbered fields, each with a "Required" asterisk and a "Select your answer" or "Enter your answer" prompt. The fields are: 1. Precinct Location (Where Provisional is being cast) with a dropdown menu; 2. Voter's Name (last, first, middle, suffix) with a text input field; 3. Voter's Address (street, city, state, zip) with a text input field; and 4. Voter's Year of Birth (ex. 1980) with a text input field.

Precinct Changes

5 Precinct Name Changes

OLD

404 Franconia #1
432 Franconia #2
732 Oak Marr
924 Spindle #1
935 Spindle #2

New

404 Edison #1
432 Edison #2
732 Oaktree Crossing
924 Spindle
935 Robinson Mill

1 Added Precinct: 731 Tysons divided to add: **738 Jones Branch**

Other 2023 Updates

Updates:

- Redistricting
 - Occurred in May 2022, so voters already voted last November in their newly reassigned precincts
 - But with the districts now changed, incumbents/candidates are now running in these newly defined districts
- **New Republican Electoral Board Member – as of 1/1/2023**
 - Jeffrey K. Shapiro, Esq.
 - Replaced the exiting D Member and Vice Chair, Bettina Lawton, thus giving Rs a 2-1 majority on the Electoral Board
 - **Self-cancellation and shift rescheduling now enabled to allow PWs to cancel/reschedule themselves if their schedules change**
 - Use the link included on your shift schedule confirmation email to go back into your original schedule sign-up to cancel; then sign-up anew