



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)
2020 Election Administration Policy Survey
(Prior to 2018 known as the Statutory Overview Survey)

In order to better understand state laws governing federal elections, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), as part of its biennial Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS), is collecting information related to your state's election policies and procedures. These answers will help the EAC to better understand the quantitative data relating to the 2020 general election that we are collecting from all U.S. states and territories. Your responses to these questions should reflect your state's election laws, policies, and practices that will be in place for the November 2020 general election.

Prior to 2018, the EAC asked states to answer open-ended questions related to specific election laws and administrative procedures that governed certain election activities. In order to minimize the staff time required to answer the survey and to provide information that can be used more readily to understand the EAVS findings, the EAC has restructured this survey. All of the questions are now closed-end items, and you should select the option that most closely describes your state's activities. The EAC appreciates that there are often subtle differences in how states administer a specific aspect of their elections; however, these subtle differences should not affect your ability to answer the questions in this survey. Select questions have comments spaces to provide additional nuance to your responses. The EAVS team appreciates your cooperation in this important project.

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Election Infrastructure and Answering the Election Administration and Voting Survey

Q1. Please provide the name and title of your chief state election official. The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires each state to designate a chief state election official who is responsible for coordinating the state’s NVRA responsibilities. If your state is exempt from the NVRA or otherwise has a separate definition of chief state election official, use the comments to describe this variation.

Title of Chief State Election Official:	
Name:	
Q1 Comments:	

Q1a. Which duties related to the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) and other EAC functions are the responsibility of the chief state election official in your state? (Select all that apply.)

If another official in your state performs these functions, use the comments to describe.

- Certifies EAVS data submission
- Selects the state election official and supervises the process through which local election officials select a representative local election official to serve on the EAC Standards Board
- Receives and certifies spending of HAVA funds on behalf of the state

Q1a Comments:

Q2. The EAVS asks state election offices to provide responses on behalf of local election jurisdictions in their state. This can be complicated in states where there are multiple state-level offices with shared responsibility for election administration and voter registration.

Please provide the name(s) of state-level offices in your state with responsibilities for election administration and voter registration (e.g., Secretary of State’s Office, State Board of Canvassers, State Board of Elections, etc.), and indicate whether each office provides data to support the state’s EAVS response.

Office name	Supports EAVS response?
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Q2 Comments:	

Q2a. The EAVS asks state election offices to provide responses on behalf of local election jurisdictions in their state. This can be complicated in states where there are multiple offices at the local level with shared responsibility for election administration and voter registration, as well as in cases where there are multiple levels of local offices responsible for election administration and voter registration.

Provide the name(s) of local jurisdiction-level office types in your state with responsibilities for election administration and voter registration (e.g., Clerk, Auditor, Recorder, Registrar, Board of Elections, etc.), and the associated jurisdiction level (e.g., county, township, etc.). Additionally, indicate whether the office exists in every jurisdiction at this level, and whether the office provides data to support the state’s EAVS response. Use the Q2a Comments to describe any non-uniform local office structures in your state.

Office type (e.g. Clerk, Auditor, Recorder, Registrar, Board of Elections, etc.)	Jurisdiction level (e.g. county, township, etc.)	Does this office exist in every jurisdiction at this level?	Supports EAVS response?
		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Q2a Comments:			

Q2b. Has there been any consolidation of local jurisdictions or the creation of new local jurisdictions in your state since the 2018 EAVS was conducted that will change your state’s list of reporting jurisdictions for the 2020 EAVS?

- Yes, consolidation of local jurisdictions
- Yes, creation of new local jurisdictions
- Yes, both consolidation and creation
- No

If Q2b = Yes, use the comments to describe.

Q2b Comments:

Q2c. Confirm or provide the addresses and public-facing contact information for all state and local election offices detailed in Q2 and Q2a. If this information is current and readily accessible on a state website, please provide a link in the comments.

Office name	Physical address	Mailing address	Phone number	Website	E-mail address
Q2c Comments and/or Links to Contact Information on State Website:					

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Q3. States are able to answer the questions in the EAVS in different ways. For each section of the survey, please select the option that best describes how your state answers the questions in the EAVS.

	Were the questions in the section answered:		
	Entirely by the state election office?	Entirely by local election offices?	In part by the state and in part by local election offices?
Section A: Voter Registration			
Section B: UOCAVA			
Section C: Domestic By-Mail Voting			
Section D: In-Person Voting and Polling Operations			
Section E: Provisional Voting			
Section F: Voting Technology			

As a reminder:

- **Section A** covers voter registration, including total registrants, total registration forms processed during the election cycle, the source of those forms, and the final disposition of each form. It also covers notices sent to voters who are thought to have moved and voters removed from the voter registration list.
- **Section B** covers UOCAVA voting, including ballots transmitted to Uniformed Services voters and overseas citizens, the manner in which ballots were transmitted (e.g., by mail, by email, etc.) the number of ballots returned, the manner in which ballots were returned, and the final disposition of each ballot (accepted, rejected). It also covers Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWAB), Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA), and the total number of requests for UOCAVA status received.
- **Section C** covers domestic by-mail voting, including the number of ballots transmitted, the number of ballots returned, and the final disposition of every ballot. It also covers whether any registrants received ballots because they are permanent absentee voters.
- **Section D** covers in-person voting and polling operations, including the number of people casting ballots in person, the number of precincts, and data on poll workers.
- **Section E** covers provisional voting, including the total number of provisional ballots cast and the disposition of each ballot.
- **Section F** covers voter participation and election technologies, including participation in the election, poll books, the type of voting equipment used in early voting, Election Day voting, by-mail voting, and voting by individuals with disabilities, and general comments on the election administration experience.

Voter Registration and List Maintenance

Q4. For the November 2020 election, is your state’s voter registration database system best described as a bottom-up system, a top-down system, or a hybrid of both?

(Note: A bottom-up system generally uploads information retained at the local level and compiled at regular intervals to form the statewide voter registration list. A top-down system is hosted on a single, central platform/mainframe and is generally maintained by the state with information supplied by local jurisdictions. A hybrid is some combination of both systems described above.)

- Top-down
- Bottom-up
- Hybrid

If Q4 = Top-down, skip to Q5

If Q4 = Bottom-up or Hybrid, proceed to Q4a

Q4 Comments:

Q4a. How often do local jurisdictions transmit registration information to the state voter registration database?

- In real-time
- Daily
- Other (please describe): _____

Q5. For each of the following entities, please report whether your state’s voter registration database (or equivalent) conducts electronic transfers of information to maintain the accuracy of the voter rolls. For each entity, report whether it electronically transfers data with the state’s voter registration database and how often the data transfer occurs. Non-electronic data transfers, such as information shared through paper copies, should not be reported in these questions.

Governmental Entity	1. Has Electronic Data Transfer	2. How Often Transfer Occurs
a. Motor vehicles agency (e.g., DMV)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____

Governmental Entity	1. Has Electronic Data Transfer	2. How Often Transfer Occurs
b. Any state agencies for people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
c. Any state public assistance agencies	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
d. Other state agencies (not NVRA-required)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
e. Federal agencies (not NVRA-required)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
f. Military recruiting office	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
g. Entities that maintain death records (e.g., SSA, state vital statistics)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
h. Entities that maintain felony/prison records (e.g., state courts, state police, federal courts, pardons/paroles agency)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____
i. Entities that maintain records of individuals declared mentally incompetent	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If response = No, proceed to next entity	<input type="radio"/> Real-time <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="radio"/> Other (describe): _____

Q6. Does your state register individuals to vote automatically or via an automated process during or as a result of a transaction (either online or in-person) with a state government agency, unless the individual affirmatively declines to register to vote?

Examples of automated processes in some states include those that force a choice on the individual (i.e., the individual cannot proceed with the transaction without selecting whether or not they wish to register) and those that provide a default option (e.g., the option to register is pre-selected, but the individual can choose to opt-out during the transaction).

- Yes
- No

If Q6 = No, skip to Q7

If Q6 = Yes, proceed to Q6a

Q6 Comments:

Q6a. Which state agency or agencies participate in this program? (Select all that apply.)

- State motor vehicle agency (e.g., DMV)
- State agency or agencies for people with disabilities
- State public assistance or social services agency or agencies
- State agencies as designated by the state's chief election official or governor
- Other (please describe): _____

Q6b. If an individual declines to register to vote, at what point can this declination happen? (Select all that apply.)

- At the point of service (i.e., during the transaction)
- In response to a mailer sent to the individual after the transaction

If Q6b = At the point of service, proceed to Q6c

If Q6b = In response to a mailer sent to the individual after the transaction, skip to Q7

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Q6c. Please describe your state’s point-of-service automated voter registration process step-by-step. Include details about how declination language is worded on the form and the declination process itself, such as whether a default option is provided (e.g., the option to register is pre-selected, but the individual can choose to opt-out during the transaction) or a forced choice is employed (i.e., they cannot proceed with the transaction without selecting whether or not they wish to register).

Q6c Comments:

Q7. Does your state have an online, web-based system that interfaces with the state voter registration system, and through which individuals can register to vote or update their registration on their own, without requiring any paper form to be submitted?

- Yes, individuals can both register to vote and update their registration via the system
- Yes, individuals can update their registration via the system
- No

If Q7 = No, skip to Q8

If Q7 = Yes, proceed to Q7a

Q7a. Does a person need to have a driver’s license or other ID issued by your state in order to register to vote or update a registration online?

- Yes
- No

Q7b. Does the online, web-based voter registration system incorporate any of the following features? (Select all that apply.)

- Custom webpage URLs to track where the voter came from to enter the online registration process (such as a particular state agency or third-party organization)
- Integration of third-party application programming interface (API)
- Mobile phone optimization
- Provides a confirmation number to registrant
- Sends a confirmation email to registrant
- Supports languages other than English
- Use of motor vehicle agency signature to register to vote

Q8. Which of the following voting information lookup and other tools are available on your state election office website? (Select all that apply.)

- Voters may check their registration status
- Voters may view voter-specific ballot information
- Voters may check the status of UOCAVA ballot delivery, return, and processing
- Voters may check the status of mail ballot delivery, return, and processing
- Voters may check their polling site location
- Voters may check the status of provisional ballot processing
- Voters may request to receive a mail or absentee ballot

Q9. Does your state either have same day voter registration (SDR) or a period of overlap between the start of in-person early voting and the close of voter registration when people can register to vote and vote on the same day?

Please note that a period of overlap between the mail balloting period and the close of voter registration should not be considered SDR for the purposes of this question.

- Yes
- No

If Q9 = No, skip to Q10

If Q9 = Yes, proceed to Q9a

Q9a. Under which circumstances can a voter in your state register on the same day that he or she casts a ballot? (Select all that apply.)

- On Election Day
- During in-person early voting
- During an overlap between the start of early voting and the close of voter registration
- Only in very specific cases (e.g., for federal offices only, or for moving between states after a registration deadline in a presidential election year; please describe):

Q10. Does your state allow persons to pre-register to vote before they are 18 years of age and become automatically registered to vote once they turn 18?

- Yes, persons who are at least ____ years of age may pre-register
- No, our state does not allow for pre-registration

Q10 Comments:

Q11. Does your state differentiate between active and inactive voters in your voter registration records?

- Yes, our state differentiates between active and inactive voters
- No, our state does not use this distinction

If Q11 = Yes, use the comments to describe what your state defines as active and inactive voters and to note whether your state uses different terminology, and then proceed to Q11a

If Q11 = No, skip to Q12

Q11 Comments:

Q11a. Which of the following actions will result in moving an active voter to the inactive list? (Select all that apply.)

- Failure to return a confirmation notice
- Mail sent by election office being returned as undeliverable
- Other (please describe): _____

Q11b. Which of the following actions will result in moving an inactive voter to the active list? (Select all that apply.)

- Completing a certificate of candidacy
- Online confirmation of a registration record
- Requesting a by-mail ballot or UOCAVA ballot
- Returning a confirmation notice
- Signing a petition
- Voter-initiated update to a registration record
- Voting in a federal general election
- Voting in a federal primary
- Voting in a state or local general election
- Voting in a state or local primary
- Other (please describe): _____

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Q12. Who is responsible for modifying or removing voter registration records in your state?

- Only state officials
- Only local officials
- Both state and local officials

If Q12 = Both, use the comments to specify the roles and responsibilities of state and local officials.

Q12 Comments:

Q13. Does your state send confirmation notices to voters to help identify those who may be ineligible to vote in your state? (Select all that apply.)

In your responses, please include any confirmation notices that are produced through the statewide system but mailed by local election offices.

- Yes, our state sends these notices pursuant to National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Section 8 (d) (1) (B) and Section 8 (d) (2)
- Yes, our state sends these notices pursuant to a state statute
- Yes, our state sends these notices pursuant to formal administrative rule or guidance
- No, our state does not send these notices

If Q13 = No, skip to Q14

If Q13 = Yes, proceed to Q13a

Q13a. Which voters are sent confirmation notices? (Select all that apply.)

- Registered voters who have not voted in two consecutive federal general elections
- Registered voters whose addresses may have changed (including those who may have moved from the jurisdiction in which they are registered)
- Registered voters who have been convicted of a disqualifying felony
- Registered voters who have been declared mentally incompetent
- Registered voters who have surrendered their driver's license and obtained a new license in a different state
- Registered voters who have mail from an election office returned as undeliverable
- Registered voters who have requested to be removed
- Registered voters who have not made contact (as defined by state statute) with the state election division in the last ____ years
- All registered voters routinely receive a non-forwardable notice every ____ years
- Other (please describe): _____

Q14. What data sources are used to identify potentially ineligible voters on your state’s voter rolls? (Select all that apply.)

- Applications for by-mail ballots
- Canvassing (door-to-door verification)
- Commercial data sources
- Data from an interstate data sharing compact (e.g., the Electronic Registration Information Center)
- Entities that maintain felony/prison records (e.g., state courts, state police, federal courts, pardons/paroles agencies)
- Entities that maintain records of individuals declared mentally incompetent
- Jury questionnaires
- Mail ballots returned as undeliverable
- Other mail from election office (not ballots) returned as undeliverable
- Motor vehicle agencies (e.g., DMV)
- National Change of Address (NCOA) reports
- Newspaper death notices/obituaries
- Reports/notices from other states that a former resident has registered to vote
- Requests from voters for removal
- Returned jury summons
- Social Security Administration death records
- State vital statistics office death records
- State agencies that serve persons with disabilities
- State public assistance agencies
- State agencies that are not specified in NVRA
- State tax filings
- Other (e.g., military recruitment offices, etc.; please describe): _____

Election Technology

Q15. Which of the following options best describes your state’s policy on voting system testing and certification?

- Voting system testing and certification are required by statute
- Voting system testing and certification are required by formal administrative rule or guidance
- Our state does not require any type of voting system testing and certification prior to voting systems’ approval for purchase

If Q15 = Testing and certification are not required, skip to Q16

If Q15 = Testing and certification are required, proceed to Q15a

Q15 Comments:

Q15a. Which of the following categories best describe your state’s policy on voting system testing and certification regarding the role of the EAC and federal testing and certification? (Select all that apply.)

- Requires federal certification without specific reference to EAC certification
- Requires federal certification with specific reference to EAC certification
- Requires certification to the EAC-adopted federal Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG)
- Requires state certification independent of federal certification
- Requires state certification in addition to federal certification
- Requires testing by an EAC-accredited Voting System Testing Laboratory (VSTL)
- Requires testing by an independent laboratory separate from the EAC-accredited VSTLs
- Other (please describe): _____

Q16. Does your state, or any jurisdiction in your state, use electronic poll books?

- Yes
- No

If Q16 = No, skip to Q17

If Q16 = Yes, proceed to Q16a

Q16a. Which of the following options best describes your state’s policy on electronic poll book testing and certification?

- Electronic poll book testing and certification are required by statute
- Electronic poll book testing and certification are required by formal administrative rule or guidance
- Our state does not require any type of electronic poll book testing and certification prior to electronic poll books’ approval for purchase

Q16a Comments:

By-Mail Voting

Q17. For the November 2020 election, will your state require an excuse for by-mail (absentee) voting?

- Yes, an excuse is required
- No excuse required

Q18. For the November 2020 election, will your state—or will any jurisdiction in your state—use an all-vote-by-mail system (i.e., send a mail ballot to every registered voter)?

- Yes
- No

If Q18 = No, skip to Q19

If Q18 = Yes, proceed to Q18a

Q18a. Will the all-vote-by-mail system be used statewide or only in certain jurisdictions?

- Statewide
- Only in certain jurisdictions

Q19. For the November 2020 election, will your state allow some or all registered voters to request to be a permanent absentee voter?

- No
- Yes, any registrant can request to be a permanent absentee voter
- Yes, individuals who meet specific criteria can request to be permanent absentee voters

If Q19 = No, skip to Q20

If Q19 = Yes, any registrant, skip to Q20

If Q19 = Yes, individuals who meet specific criteria, proceed to Q19a

Q19a. Who can be a permanent absentee voter in your state? (Select all that apply)

- Individuals over a specified age
- Persons with disabilities
- Other (please specify): _____

Q20. What is the deadline for a domestic civilian (non-UOCAVA) voter to return a by-mail ballot? (Select all that apply; specify the number of days if applicable.)

Ballot must be postmarked by:	<input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day
Ballot must be received by:	<input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>after</u> Election Day
Q20 Comments: 	

Q21. How long does your state track ballots that arrive after the deadlines specified in Q20 for reporting in EAVS Section C?

- Until canvass is complete
- Until a specified date: _____
- Indefinitely

Q22. What counts in your state as satisfying the postmark requirements for mail ballots? (Select all that apply.)

- Physical postmark
- Postal processing markings
- Hand cancellation
- Intelligent barcode
- Private express delivery service date stamp
- Date on voter affidavit
- Other (please describe): _____

Q23. For the November 2020 election, under which circumstances will domestic civilian (non-UOCAVA) voters be able to receive their ballots through an electronic format, such as email, fax, online via your state's online voter registration portal, or through a mobile phone app? (Select all that apply)

- Domestic civilian voters cannot receive ballots electronically under any circumstances
- During an emergency situation (such as a natural disaster) that hinders in-person voting
- When a replacement ballot is needed
- Voters with a specific disability
- Voters with any disability
- Voters may receive a ballot electronically for any circumstance
- Other (please describe): _____

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In-Person Voting Prior to Election Day

Q24. What terminology does your state use to describe the process of allowing individuals to cast their ballots in person prior to Election Day? Hand delivered return of mail ballots (e.g., via drop-boxes) should not be considered in-person early voting or in-person absentee voting for the purposes of this question. (Select all that apply).

- In-person early voting
- In-person absentee voting
- Other (please describe): _____
- No in-person voting is allowed prior to Election Day (Note: If you allow persons with disabilities or any other specific population of voters to come to a local election office and vote in person prior to Election Day, do not select this option and make the appropriate selection among the other choices).

If Q24 = No, skip to Q25

If Q24 = Yes, proceed to Q24a

Q24a. Is an excuse required for a person to cast a ballot in person prior to Election Day?

- Yes
- No

Vote Centers

Q25. For the November 2020 election, on Election Day (not including early voting), will any jurisdictions in the state have the option to allow voters to cast their ballots at any polling location or vote center in their local jurisdiction?

- Yes
- No

If Q25 = No, skip to Q26

If Q25 = Yes, proceed to Q25a

Q25a. Which of the following best describes the way vote centers operate in your state?

- Our state requires the use of vote centers statewide.
- Our state has vote centers, but only in jurisdictions that meet specific requirements.
- Our state has vote centers, but jurisdictions have the option not to implement vote centers.

UOCAVA Voting

Q26. Other than postal mail, which of the following methods can a UOCAVA voter use to submit a Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)? (Select all that apply)

- Email
- Fax
- Online via your state's Online Voter Registration Portal
- Other (specify): _____

Q27. When a UOCAVA voter submits an FPCA, is his or her registration as a UOCAVA voter permanent or temporary?

- Permanent
- Temporary

Q28. When a UOCAVA voter submits an FPCA, for how long does the voter remain eligible to receive an absentee ballot?

- _____ months
- _____ calendar years
- _____ general elections
- Until the voter moves (notified via postal service or voter)
- Other (please specify): _____

Q29. What is the deadline for a domestic military UOCAVA voter to return a by-mail ballot? (Select all that apply; specify the number of days if applicable.)

Ballot must be postmarked by:	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day
Ballot must be received by:	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> _____ days <u>after</u> Election Day

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Q30. What is the deadline for an overseas UOCAVA voter to return a by-mail ballot? (Select all that apply; specify the number of days if applicable.)

Ballot must be postmarked by:	<input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day
Ballot must be received by:	<input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>before</u> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day <input type="checkbox"/> ___ days <u>after</u> Election Day

Q31. Do the postmark requirements for UOCAVA ballots differ from the requirements for mail ballots from domestic civilian voters, as specified in Q22?

- No
- Yes (please explain): _____

Provisional Voting

Q32. Does your state use provisional ballots?

- Yes
- No

If Q32 = No, skip to Q33

If Q32 = Yes, proceed to Q32a

Q32a. Under what circumstances does your state use provisional ballots? (Select all that apply.)

- A federal or state judge extends polling place hours in a federal election
- An election official asserts that an individual is not eligible to vote
- Another person (not an election official) challenges a voter's qualifications and the poll worker is not able to resolve the challenge
- A voter's name does not appear on the list of eligible voters
- A voter does not have proper identification (as defined by state law)
- A voter is not a resident of the precinct in which he or she is attempting to vote
- A voter has changed their name or address (within the election jurisdiction) but has not updated their voter registration to reflect the new information
- A voter was issued a mail ballot, chooses to vote in person on Election Day instead, and does not have the mail ballot to surrender to poll workers
- Other (please describe): _____

Q32b. What is the deadline for adjudicating provisional ballots cast in the November 2020 general election?

- Specific date: _____
- ____ days after Election Day

Q32c. In the November 2020 election, how will your state treat a provisional ballot if the ballot were cast in the wrong precinct by a voter?

- Fully count the entire ballot
- Partially count the ballot (e.g., only count the items on the ballot for which the voter would have been eligible had he or she voted in the correct precinct)
- Reject the entire ballot

Election Certification, Recounts, and Audits

There are several ways of conducting election audits and recounts, and several reasons why they would be conducted. The following questions ask about your state's deadline for certifying the November 2020 election results, various types of election recounts and audits, and whether your state requires such recounts and/or audits through statute, administrative requirements, or standard state practice.

Q33. What is your state's deadline for certifying the results of the November 2020 federal general election?

____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Q33 Comments:

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Recounts

Q34. An election recount is a repeat tabulation of all votes cast in an election that is used to determine the correctness of an initial count. For the November 2020 election, which of the following describes a reason why a jurisdiction in your state would conduct a post-election recount of ballots? (Select all that apply)

- Results of a contest are within a specified margin (e.g., the top two candidates are within one percentage point)
- An affected candidate or party requests a recount
- Results of a contest are within a specified margin AND an affected candidate or party requests a recount
- Another person or group—such as a voter or group of voters—requests a recount (please describe): _____
- ONLY if a court orders a recount to be conducted

Audits

Q35. A post-election tabulation audit verifies that the voting equipment used to count ballots during an election properly counts a sample of voted ballots after an election. Will post-election tabulation audits be required in your state for the November 2020 election?

- Yes, post-election tabulation audits are required by statute
- Yes, post-election tabulation audits are required by formal administrative rule or guidance
- No, our state does not require any type of post-election tabulation audit
- Other (please describe): _____

If Q35 = No, skip to Q36

If Q35 = Yes or Other, proceed to Q35a

Q35a. What type of post-election tabulation audit will be required in your state for the November 2020 election? (Select all that apply)

- Traditional tabulation audit: records from a fixed percentage of randomly selected voting districts or voting machines are compared to the results produced by the voting system
- Risk limiting tabulation audit: an audit protocol designed to limit the risk of certifying an incorrect election outcome by utilizing statistical principles and methods to select the audit sample size
- Other (please describe) : _____

Voter Identification

Q36. For in-person voting (not including first-time voters), please select all of the options that are appropriate for your state.

In order to establish their identity, a voter:

- Is required to show a government-issued form of photo identification
- Can show a non-photo government-issued form of identification
- Can show a non-government form of photo identification
- Can show a non-photo non-government form of identification or proof of residence, such as a lease or a utility bill
- Can have a person registered to vote in the precinct/jurisdiction formally vouch for his or her identity (including but not limited to signing an affidavit)
- Can sign an affidavit affirming his or her identity (with no other action required for the voter to vote)
- Can sign an affidavit affirming his or her identity, but the voter must later present appropriate identification to the election officials before his or her provisional ballot is counted

If Q36 = Can sign an affidavit but voter must later present appropriate identification, proceed to Q36a

If Q36 = any other option, skip to Q37

Q36a. If a voter casts a provisional ballot as a result of not having acceptable identification during voting, what is the deadline by which they must present appropriate identification to election officials to verify their identity and have their provisional ballot accepted and counted?

- Specific date: _____
- ____ days after Election Day

Criminal Convictions and Voting

Q37. In some states, an individual loses his or her right to vote when convicted of certain crimes. Which of the following best describes the populations whose voting eligibility is suspended or revoked due to criminal conviction in your state? (Select all that apply.)

- Individuals who are convicted of any felony
- Individuals who are convicted of certain felonies
- Individuals who are convicted of other crimes that are not felonies, such as election-related crimes
- No one; criminal convictions do not limit a person's right to vote

If Q37 = No one, skip to End

If Q37 = Any individual, proceed to Q37a

Q37a. For how long does a person with a disqualifying felony conviction lose his or her right to vote? (Select all that apply.)

- During the period of incarceration
- During any period of probation and parole
- During any additional time (such as a statutorily mandated waiting period)
- Until payment of outstanding fines, restitution, or penalties

Q37b. What is required for a person with a disqualifying felony conviction to become an eligible voter again after losing the right to vote due to criminal activity? (Select all that apply.)

- A person's previous registration is restored with no further action required by the voter.
- A person is immediately eligible and must re-register to vote through the same registration process as the general public.
- A person must present documentation during the registration process showing that he or she has completed the requirements for registering to vote.
- A person must have his or her voting rights restored by the state through a formal administrative process (e.g., gubernatorial restoration or action by the state pardons and paroles board).

Q37b Comments:

END OF SURVEY

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THIS SURVEY