Ensuring Accurate Elections

FROM GEOCODE TO VTD
Pre-Election Audits
Election Jurisdictions

- State
- County
- Municipalities
- Addresses
- Election Districts
- Voter Registration

Address Point
Voter Registration

Address Points

- State
- County
- Election Districts
- Party Affiliation
Address Point, Party Affiliation, Age

County of Registration

VTD

Precinct

Election Contests

Ballot Style
State Jurisdictions

All counties must use and comply with state boundary and contest jurisdictional lines.
Address Point Determines:

- County of registration
- Proper precinct
- Election districts
Working with Voting Systems

ELECTION DATA (JURISDICTIONS)

- Jurisdictional Types
- Precinct Splits

ELECTION DATA (CONTESTS/CANDIDATES)

- Jurisdictional Values
- Precinct Splits Values
- Office (Contest)
- Office Relations
- Candidates
- Questions
Mock Election Procedures
Logic & Accuracy Testing

08 NCAC 04 .0307 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEM BEFORE USE IN AN ELECTION

The county board of elections shall test or cause to be tested each voting system or unit that will be used in the election to ensure that the system is operating properly and has been programmed to count votes accurately. There shall be a record maintained along with the voted and unvoted ballots at the county board of elections office that shall include at a minimum the dates, times and method of testing used, the results of the test, and the persons conducting the test. Any interested person may observe the testing of the voting system but shall not interfere or impede the process . . . .
Logic & Accuracy Testing

- Ballots
- Coding
- Voting Equipment
- Vote Tabulation Software
- Election Reporting
- SBOE Reporting Website
### Mock Election Day

- **Perform L&A**
- **Prepare 4 ASCII imports**
- **Save Block Style Canvass report for each import**
- **Enter Reporting Groups**
- **Enter Admin Precincts**

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Election Preparation
Election Official Training

- Training Videos
- Station Guide
- Election Official Online Resource Guide
Voting Site Forms

Curbside Log

Curbside Affidavit*
Voting Site Forms

Help Station

- Help Referral Form
- Challenge Forms
- Provisional Application
- Provisional Voter Instructions
- Reasonable Impediment Declaration
- Provisional Voting Envelope
- Provisional Voter Log*
- Provisional PIN labels*
- Acknowledgment Notice
- State Absentee Ballot Request Form
Election Day Procedures
# Ballot Chain Reconciliation

## Chain of Custody Form

### Ballots Delivered
- Need quantity based on 70% of registered voters in precinct. (8 NCAC 4.0303)

### Voted Ballots

### Provisionals

### Spoiled Ballots

### Challenged Ballots

### Unused

### Unaccounted
**Reconciliation Summary**

Election officials must account for any provisional ballots placed into the tabulator; for when the voter leaves the voting site with a ballot; and any other unusual occurrence involving ballots.
Voter Check-in Reconciliation

Log “regular” ballot issued

Check total of ballots cast on voting equipment (minimum 10 am, 2 pm and 4 pm)
Curbside Check-in

- Curbside Log
- Curbside Affidavit

No. of voters on log
No. of affidavits*
OS applications or ATVs
Curbside ballots
Post Election Day Procedures
Voter History

- Transfer voter history from electronic poll books.
- Enter voter history if not using electronic poll books.
- Look for duplicate voting
- Conduct provisional research
- Resolve conflicts
- Voter history
Provisional Processes

Transfer data from SOSA/OVRD

• OSSM
• Transfer into Provisional Application

Manual Entry into Provisional Application

• Reasonable Impediment Information
Acknowledgment of Voting Options

- Transfer data from SOSA/OVRD
- Manual Entry into OSSM
- Voter Scan Processes
DMV Provisional Research

Must mark as DMV Provisionals (must check in-person and web)

Office will be auditing the provisionals to ensure no voter is improperly disenfranchised.
Provisionals: Uniformity in Research and Board action

- **Statewide:** Every county should count provisional ballots for the same reasons and not count provisional ballots for the same reasons.
- **Understand each provisional reason and what information is needed in order for that ballot to count.**
- **Requires research**
- **Staff:** Provide complete and accurate information to Board
- **Board:** Apply the law consistently.
Recounts

**Sample Audit Count**
- Required
- Ensure accuracy of voting equipment

**Mandatory Recount**
- As required by statute
- Close elections

**Discretionary Recount**
- Used to ensure accurate results
- Any question about results
Challenges

Voter eligibility (The ability to register or remain registered.)

Candidate eligibility

**NEW:** Reasonable Impediment Declaration
The Importance of the Process

- Enforce deadlines and ensure proper/timely notice to challenged.
- Understand the burden of proof.
- Include your county attorney.
Protests

- Enforce deadlines
- Ensure proper/timely notice to all candidates involved in the protest.
- Include your county attorney.
The Road to Canvass

One-Stop Absentee (Early voting) and Mail Absentee

Staff verification  Board approvals

Election Day

Post-election audits  Provisional research

Canvass

Challenges heard  Results finalized
Finalizing Canvass

Certifying results means all efforts have been made to ensure the results of each contest are accurate.