EXHIBIT A
OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

October 23, 2018

TO:        County Election Officials and County Registrars
FROM:      Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director
RE:        Handling Pending Verification Registrations At Voting Locations

Below please find guidance and instructions regarding handling voter registrations in pending verification status. This information was also provided leading up to the 2016 General Election.

As you know, all voter registration applications are checked against the information on file with the Georgia Department of Driver Services (“DDS”) or the Social Security Administration (“SSA”).

Any voter whose registration that is facially complete but whose DDS number or SSA number cannot be verified because key information such as first name, last name, and date of birth does not match the information on file with the Georgia DDS or the SSA will remain in pending status and will not be rejected for 26 months pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-220.1.

Pending applicants whose information (other than citizenship status) did not match are eligible to vote during early voting or on Election Day and must be allowed to vote a regular ballot if they show one of the following forms of identification and there are no other issues that would require the voter to vote a provisional ballot (i.e. wrong county, wrong precinct, already voted, etc.):

1. A Georgia driver’s license (including an expired Georgia driver’s license);
2. A valid Georgia voter identification card or other valid photo identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States which is authorized by law to issue personal identification. This includes a valid student photo ID card issued by a Georgia public college, university, or technical school; a valid out-of-state driver’s license; public transit issued photo ID card; and any other federal or state agency or government issued photo ID card;
3. A valid United States passport;
4. A valid employee photo identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;
5. A valid United States military photo identification card; or
6. A valid tribal photo identification card.
After the applicant shows an acceptable form of identification at the polling place or early voting site and casts a ballot, that elector should be given credit for voting and their eNet status should be updated from “pending” to “active” using Site Override. **The identification shown is not required to exactly match the information in ExpressPoll. Instead, you must simply confirm that the voter is the same person as the applicant.**

Pending applicants whose registration did not match DDS records for citizenship status are eligible to vote a regular ballot during early voting or on Election Day for the November 6, 2018 General Election if they provide one of the forms of identification above and one of the following forms of proof of citizenship and a deputy registrar is available to review the proof of citizenship:

1. Birth certificate, issued by a U.S. State (if the person was born in the U.S.), or by the U.S. Department of State (if the person was born overseas and the parents registered the child's birth and U.S. citizenship at birth with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate).

2. U.S. Passport, issued by the U.S. Department of State.

3. Certificate of Citizenship, issued to a person born outside the U.S. who was still a U.S. citizen at birth, or to a person who later automatically became a U.S. citizen.

4. Naturalization Certificate, issued to a person who became a U.S. citizen after birth through the naturalization process.


6. A Certification of birth issued by the Department of State.

7. A U.S. Citizen ID card.

8. An American Indian Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification code "KIC" (Issued by DHS to identify U.S. citizen members of the Texas Band of Kickapooos living near the U.S./Mexican border).

9. Final adoption decree showing the child's name and U.S. birthplace.


12. A Northern Mariana Identification Card (Issued by the INS to a collectively naturalized citizen of the U.S. who was born in the Northern Mariana Islands before November 4, 1986).


14. Life or health or other insurance record which indicates a U.S. place of birth and which is dated at least 5 years before the initial application date.

15. Federal or State census record which indicates U.S. citizenship or a U.S. place of birth (Generally for persons born 1900 through 1950).
(16) Institutional admission papers from a nursing home, skilled nursing care facility or other institution which indicates a U.S. place of birth.

(17) Medical (clinical, doctor, or hospital) record which indicates a U.S. place of birth and which is dated at least 5 years before the application date.

(18) A driver’s license or identification card issued by an agency of a U.S. state if that agency indicates on the driver’s license or identification card that the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship to the agency.

- A Georgia driver’s license or ID card is proof of citizenship unless it says LIMITED-TERM.

(19) Other document that was created at least 5 years before the application. Document must be one of the following and show a U.S. place of birth: Seneca Indian tribal census record; Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census records of the Navaho Indians; U.S. State Vital Statistics official notification of birth registration; an amended or delayed U.S. public birth record that is amended more than 5 years after the person's birth; or statement signed by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at the time of birth.

(20) If other forms of documentation cannot be obtained, documentation may be provided by a written affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, from two citizens, one of whom cannot be related to the person in question, who have specific knowledge of event(s) establishing the person in question's citizenship status. The person in question or another knowledgeable individual must also submit an affidavit stating why the documents are not available. Affidavits are only expected to be used in rare circumstances.

If a deputy registrar is not present at the time the applicant requests a ballot, the applicant may present the proof of citizenship to the poll manager who shall transmit a copy of the applicant’s proof of citizenship to the county registrar’s office via text message, email or fax, if said technology is available to the poll manager at the polling location. The county registrar shall immediately update the applicant’s citizenship status so that the applicant shall be permitted to cast a regular ballot and convey that information to the poll manager at the polling location. If that technology is not available to the poll manager, the applicant shall be offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot, the provisional ballot envelope shall be marked by the poll manager with “CIZ” to confirm that the applicant presented one of the forms of acceptable proof of citizenship and ID at the time the ballot was cast, and the provisional ballot shall be counted as a vote without requiring any further action on the part of the voter.

If an applicant who is in pending status due to citizenship verification does not present one of the acceptable forms of proof of citizenship when a ballot is requested during early voting or on Election Day, the applicant shall be offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot envelope is to be marked “X”. The applicant shall be instructed that he or she will be required to present proof of citizenship in person, via fax, email or text to the county registrar before the close of the provisional ballot period on the Friday following the election in order for the provisional ballot to count as a vote.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCESSING PENDING VOTERS ON THE EXPRESSPOLL UNITS

There are two different indicators for voters in Pending status in ExpressPoll: V and X.

PENDING VOTERS IN “V” STATUS

- If a Poll Worker pulls up a voter and sees that the voter is in V status, it means that they failed verification with the Department of Driver Services or the Social Security Administration. When the Poll Worker selects the voter, they will be prompted with the following message:
  - “Voter is a first time registrant whose application has not been fully verified. Voter must show an acceptable form of ID before voting. If no acceptable ID is provided, send the voter to the provisional station.”
- If the voter is able to provide the proper identification outline in 21-2-417(a), the Poll Worker will select the button marked “ID Provided Issue Voter Card” and create a voter access card.
- If the voter is unable to provide the required identification, they should be sent to the provisional ballot station.

PENDING VOTERS IN “X” STATUS

- If a Poll Worker pulls up a voter that is in X status, they will notice the record is highlighted in purple. When they select the voter they will see the following message, which will also be highlighted in purple:
  - “Voter has been flagged in the Voter Registration System as a possible Noncitizen. Issue the Voter a Challenged Ballot. Contact the County Registrar for individual’s current status.”
- At this point, the Poll Worker does not have the option to create a voter access card for this voter. There are four different scenarios that could take place at this point.
  1. If the voter has proof of citizenship with them and there is a deputy registrar at the polling location that can verify the documents, the Poll Manager can override the X status for the voter using their supervisor password. They would change the voter status to A and then the Poll Worker could then issue that voter a voter access card.
  2. If there is not a deputy registrar at the polling place, but the voter presents proof of citizenship to the poll manager, the poll manager shall call the registrar’s office and send by text message, email or fax a copy of the proof of citizenship if the technology is available. The county registrar shall update the voter’s citizenship status and instruct the Poll Manager to override the X status and change the voter to A status in ExpressPoll. The Poll Worker could then issue that voter a voter access card.
  3. If that technology is not available to the poll manager, the voter shall be offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot envelope shall be marked “CIZ” to confirm that the applicant presented one of the forms of acceptable proof of citizenship and ID, and the provisional ballot shall be counted as a vote without requiring any further action on the part of the voter.
  4. If the voter does not have proof of citizenship, the voter should be directed to the provisional ballot station to cast a provisional ballot. The voter will need to present citizenship documentation in person, via fax, email, or text to the county registrar’s office before end of business on Friday, 11/9/18 to resolve their provisional status.
# General Information

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