

Florida Supervisor of Elections Survey Form – 3/22/22

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 Date of interview 3/22/22 Supervisor of Elections Mark Negley (21 yrs on job)

Before the Interview - Record the time and date of your call and email, and if the meeting is not set immediately, the time and date of their response

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: 3-13-22
- b) Time and date of response: Same
- c) Did the Supervisor of Elections refuse to meet you: Yes No
- d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: _____

The Interview - Thank the Supervisor for agreeing to see you. State that the purpose of the observation program is to provide voters with accurate information about the election process. Emphasize how important you think his/her role is in ensuring that everyone in the county sees the elections here are free, fair and legitimate.

First, we have a few general questions.

1. What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
Believes his Dept. is in good shape. Doesn't really have any major concerns. Cyber security is a Big issue but being handled by State.

2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

- 3. a. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
- b. If no, what is missing?

Thank you. Now a few questions on the voter roll and voter registration.

4. When was the last time the voter file in your county was scrubbed or cleaned?
 (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: Small office, Follows FL Statute. Can't recall when the last time it was cleaned. But →

5. When was the last time you had access to the National Change of Address List or any other change of address list? (record date and other list(s), if relevant) ASK Kelly in his office

6. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?

7. a. Have you had private third-party individuals or groups conducting voter registration activities in this county?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

b. If yes, can you tell me which groups conducted these activities?
 Republican & Democratic Parties. EVID

c. If yes, are you confident these registration activities take place without bribery, intimidation or coercion, and that only qualified voters are registered through these third-parties?
 Yes, I'm confident ~~no~~ ~~not~~
 No, not sure
 Don't know
 No answer/refused.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections.

8. There are two types of voting machines used in Florida. Can you tell me which machines you use?
 Dominion.
 ES&S.

9. a. How is the voting system used in your county certified? VIA Div. of Elections.
 L+A test. "Logic + Accuracy" before any election, including re-counts.
 Public notice -> public invited.

b. Who certified it last and when? 2016 once they were delivered to his Dept.

10. Who updates and calibrates the voting machines? Supervisor of Election, Mark Negley

11.	Can you please explain how they update and calibrate the machines? Voting system from Dominion upload. System upgrade via a computer through media cords.
12.	<p>Are you present when the machines are updated and calibrated, or is that process supervised by someone else? If someone else, what is their position?</p> <p>I am present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Another person supervises this process (insert title and position):</p>
13.	<p>Do you invite party representatives to witness the update and calibration?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
14.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b. If yes, when and why are they connected?</p> <p>c. If they are not connected to the internet, how, when and by whom are they updated?</p>
<p><i>Now we have a few questions about the counting process.</i></p>	
15.	<p>a. How many (%) extra ballots are available in each precinct? Depends.</p> <p>b. Can you describe the process used to track and account for these excess ballots? Stubs have a number on it. Numeric tracked.</p>

We know that in some areas machines had difficulty reading many mail-in ballots, and those had to be sent for manual adjudication. *Multiple layers of validation.*

16.

- a. Can you describe briefly how ballots are adjudicated here? ~~Multiple layers of *canvassing*~~
3 person Board → Canvassing Board. Judge, Supervisor of Elections & Chairman of County Commissioners.
- b. About what percentage of absentee ballots required adjudication in this county/city during the 2020 election? _____ % → *Very small amount, would not give %*

17.

Have the machines you use for counting ever reported fractional results?

- Yes _____
No
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

Many changes in election procedures were introduced in response to the COVID pandemic, and some people have argued that these changes weakened the integrity of the election process.

18.

As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Florida in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity?

- weakened integrity. _____
strengthened integrity
made no change _____
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

19.

a. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Florida?

- Yes _____
No
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

~~Security~~ *Security Grants via Dir. of Elections*

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?

Annual visits for inspectors.

Electronic Poll Books & Cyber Security.

c. Will not receiving such funding in future affect your ability to implement a fully free and fair election?

- Yes
No _____
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

d. If yes, in what way?

Observation of election processes enhances transparency and strengthens public confidence in the integrity of elections, and have a few questions about pollwatchers and non-partisan observers.

20. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots?
Yes FL. Statute they have to request volunteers to be poll watchers.
No
Don't know
No answer/refused

21. a. Did you have both Republican and Democrat pollwatchers at every polling location in 2020?
Yes
No (go to b.) ~~Yes~~
Don't know
No answer/refused
b. If no, please estimate the percentage of polling locations covered by each party: 13 Locations
Democrats Don't know Republicans Don't know

22. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of pollwatchers?
Yes Had conversation w/ volunteers. State puts out training guides.
No (go to b.)
Don't know
No answer/refused
b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Florida law?
Yes
No
Don't know
No answer/refused

23. If the Legislature through the Department of State allowed independent non-partisan observers, would you welcome that?
Yes
No
Don't know
No answer/refused

Thank you. The survey is complete now. We deeply appreciate your time today, and look forward to keeping in touch as we go through the 2021 state elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).

24. Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Supervisor of Elections as (circle all that apply) SOE shared he is a Registered Democrat
Helpful Polite Defensive Unhelpful Antagonistic

To the survey team: Thank you for all you have done and will do to ensure a free and fair election in Florida! Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.