

Florida Supervisor of Elections Survey Form – 3/23/22

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Date of interview 4/4/22 Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle

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: 3/14/22
- b) Time and date of response: 3/14/22
- 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.)
Redistricting and hoping nothing goes wrong.
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
Poll worker availability and paper availability
Budget is just under 10 million
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
new branch office in Lehigh
an early voting sight too
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: every 4 months with eric
and daily
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) April last year
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?
Probably 5 to a dozen

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 sure _____
Don't know _____
No answer/refused. _____

Moving on, we have some questions on voting processes and technology.

8. Can you explain how your office manages voting in nursing homes?
They send officials from SoE's office to nursing home w/ ballots + VR applications.

9. a. How is the voting system used in your county certified?
Certified by the state of Florida

b. Who certified it last and when?
before the 2020 election

1 Who updates and calibrates the voting machines?
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1 Can you please explain how they update and calibrate the machines?
1. software update staff is present

1 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?
I am present _____

Another person supervises this process (insert title and position) Other staff

1 Do you invite party representatives to witness the update and calibration?
3. Yes _____
No _____ but I don't disallow it.

Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

1 a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?
 4. Yes _____
 No except when election night when they close the polls
 Don't know _____ and submit counts from precincts to main election office
 No answer/refused _____

b. If yes, when and why are they connected? ↗

c. If they are not connected to the internet, how, when and by whom are they updated?

1 Concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections, and there are now calls to get rid of the machines, and use a manual process like that used in France.

a. Do you think it a good idea to go back to a manual voting process?
 Yes _____
 No mistakes are made when doing thing by hand.
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

b. If no, why?

1 Can you tell us what it costs per voter to implement an election in this county?
 6. \$700K - \$800K per election includes primary + general = \$1.5M Ballpark.
 500K⁺ registered voter = \$3/per registered voter

Now we have a few questions about the counting process.

1 a. How many (%) extra ballots are available in each precinct?
 7. 4 or 5 hundred per precinct

b. Can you describe the process used to track and account for these excess ballots?
 number of ballots minus number of voters

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

a. Can you describe briefly how ballots are adjudicated here?

damaged and problematic ballots go to duplication team (6000 in 2020)

b. About what percentage of absentee ballots required adjudication in this county/city during the 2020 election? 3%?

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

9. Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

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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.

2 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 _____

2 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

✓

it was offered

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

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.

2 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

its on them to know the law, but we do advertize times

	No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____
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2	a. Did you have both Republican and Democrat pollwatchers at every polling location in 2020? 3. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ No _____ (go to b.) Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____ b. If no, please estimate the percentage of polling locations covered by each party: Democrats _____ Republicans _____
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2	a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of pollwatchers? 4. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ they can only talk to th clerck 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 _____
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2	If the Legislature through the Department of State allowed independent non-partisan observers, would you welcome that? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ he wouldn't disallow it as is No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____
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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 2022 elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).

2	Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Supervisor of Elections as (circle all that apply) 6. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Helpful <input checked="" type="radio"/> Polite <input type="radio"/> Defensive <input type="radio"/> Unhelpful <input type="radio"/> Antagonistic
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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.