

Florida Supervisor of Elections Survey
Floridians for Election Transparency

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Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner
→ Paul Donnelly

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: 6/14/22
- b) Time and date of response: 6/14 & 6/21/22
- 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.

What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

1. Still need poll workers - need more people have questions about the elections - opportunity to engage w/ people. Field inquiries remedy people that he took oath to uphold law.

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

2. /

a. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?

Yes ☒ X
 No ☒ X - need parttime workers
 Don't know ☐
 No answer/refused ☐

3.

b. If no, what is missing?

\$7.5 mill
350K reg voters.

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

5.	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: <u>4/4/25</u> <u>eligibility maintenance ongoing</u>	<u>do it just did</u> <u>First May 23rd</u> <u>regularly address</u> <u>confirm</u>
6.	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)	<u>mailing</u>

? 1,000's are removed yearly - the voter roll dept are constantly updating, ERIC, death.

data in ~ data out. so voter rules as up to date

<p>99 pregnant</p> <p>73 locusts</p> <p>Reduced in 2012.</p>	<p>as possible.</p>
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8.

Yes, I'm confident _____
 No, not sure _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused. _____

Can you explain how your office manages voting in nursing homes? - no to jails
SOE reaches out to each facility - Pre-wid 50 places
1 Dem. 1 Rep - go to each location B: Part- team watches the
processes + Bring Ballots back that day - if they see if
there is an issue - they can go into a facility to handle
Ballots if they have any concerns.
F.S. 101.265

10.	<p>There are two types of voting machines used in Florida: Dominion and ES&S. Can you tell me which machines you use?</p> <p>Dominion _____ ES&S. <u>X</u></p>
11.	<p>We understand the State of Florida is responsible for updating the voting machines before an election. Is that done by a state employee, or by a contractor or consultant from a private company?</p> <p>State employee <u>X</u> Private _____ If private, which company: _____</p>
12.	<p>Are you present when the machines are updated, or is that process supervised by someone else? If someone else, what is their position?</p> <p>I am present <u>X</u> <i>Software updates come directly from State - the vendor never is along for updates.</i> Another person supervises this process (insert title and position) _____</p>
13.	<p>Do you invite party representatives to witness the update?</p> <p>Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p>
14.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____ No <u>X</u> <i>There is a transmission between a virtual server ~ news data + upload results - we</i> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p> <p>b. If yes, when and why are they connected?</p> <p><i>Reconcile everything after 7 PM. (unofficial) tally prints out on door for public view</i></p>
15.	<p>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.</p> <p>a. Do you think it a good idea to go back to a manual voting process?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p> <p>b. If no, why?</p> <p><i>#1 you'd have to change the law. At. of Florida created standards & Sec'y of State gives the rules.</i></p>
16.	<p>Can you tell us what it costs per voter to implement an election in this county?</p> <p><i>\$600K to do that. 2020 \$1.8 - 20 Million</i></p> <p><i>NO private elect funds used or taken</i></p>

of voters
of ballots

Sarasota Cnty would not take \$ - like that.

Now we have a few questions about the counting process.

17. a. How many (%) extra ballots are available in each precinct?
Had a little to make sure there are enough. Station consistently watching # of ballots
- b. Can you describe the process used to track and account for these excess ballots?
is to watch # used to make sure there are enough

We know that in some areas machines had difficulty reading many mail-in ballots, and the votes on these had to be copied on to clean ballots and rescanned.

18. a. Can you describe briefly how this process is done?
PS 830 VB Mail. overseas faxed. Canv Board, judges. Back. Team Reviews Ballot. w/ observers.
- b. About what percentage of absentee ballots required copying in this county/city during the 2020 election? _____
a few thousand
- c. Were pollwatchers from each party present during the copying process? *Ballots each elect*
- Yes _____
No ☒ *SOE contacted each one to let them know dates, deadlines. & all communications are c.c. to Party heads.*
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

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.

19. 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 ☒
No _____
Don't know _____
No answer/refused _____

20. a. Did you have both Republican and Democrat pollwatchers at every polling location in 2020?
- Yes ☒
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 _____

21.	<p>a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of pollwatchers?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (go to b.)</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Florida law?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
22.	<p>If the Legislature through the Department of State allowed independent non-partisan observers, would you welcome that?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><i>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).</i></p>	
23.	<p>Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Supervisor of Elections as (circle all that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helpful <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polite Defensive Unhelpful Antagonistic</p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	

Great Meeting. Professional, Knowledgeable, Respectful, Detailed oriented. By far one of the best SoE in the State. Very Friendly & welcoming. MT