

CFFE Registrar Survey Form - 8/3/21

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Date of interview 8/11/2021 Registrar Lynette Wright

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: _____
- b) Time and date of response: _____
- c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes ___ No ___
- d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: _____

The Interview - Thank the Registrar 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.)
Early voting last year was a concern but they worked through it.

2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
What kind of turnout will they have this year? Figuring out staff
Has full time assistant registrar but will they need more staff

3. 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 important to have more than 1 person

4. If no, what is missing?

5. The county election board is supposed to consist of 2 Democrats and a Republican under a Democrat governor, but in some areas, boards have had trouble finding willing Republicans and have appointed an Independent instead, or another Democrat. What is the situation in this county?

- Two Democrats and a Republican Democrat is Vice Chair
- Two Democrats and an Independent Democrat is Secr.
- Three Democrats Republican is chairman
- Other: _____

6. What about precinct staff? Are you able to have equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans? (please check one, then provide any relevant detail on right side of this box)

- Yes Have both - must have training
- No Get a List from each party of
- Don't know names that they want representing them
- No answer/refused

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round
 Mostly near elections meet when required or have
 Don't know concerns to deal with
 No answer/refused

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

8. 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: June or July - done by the State
 No. of days since last audit: _____

9. a. Does the Health Department/coroner/or Bureau of Vital Statistics send a list of deceased people to your office every month so they can be removed from the voter roll?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

b. If no, how often do they send a list?

10. When was the last time the Clerk of Courts submitted a list of individuals who declined to serve on jury duty on the basis of being a non-citizen? never seen one

11. 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) _____
Last month - State usually does once a year may start doing more often

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes State sending a file to check on
 No certain people to make sure they
 Don't know are in the correct county
 No answer/refused

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

13. How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address?
 Number: _____ (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP)
never seen one / there is nothing they get to tell

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
check box + signature - affidavit when they sign that their answers are truthful

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

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?
ES&S from Print Elect / Scanners - Paper Ballots

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
People who are present - Registrar, vendor, deputy + electoral board + chairs party
Outside vendor 3rd party Print Elect, first week or two in Sept.

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know and also candidates
 No answer/refused

18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>does not have capability</i></p>
	<p>b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?</p> <p><i>new update to happen after next election</i></p> <p><i>state approves machine they cannot make changes, thumbdrives</i></p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	
19.	<p>As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Virginia in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity?</p> <p>weakened integrity. _____</p> <p>strengthened integrity _____</p> <p>made no change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>curbside for anyone - thought was good</i></p> <p><i>check voter signature against at DMV</i></p>
20.	<p>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 Virginia?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>Cares Act grant but very specific + used very little, rest went back</i></p> <p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?</p>
21.	<p>Effective Jul 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1097, eliminated requirements for voters to have a witness signature on absentee ballots for any election during a declared state of emergency. The Governor has now rescinded the state of emergency. How are you training your staff to ensure that there is a signature match for the upcoming elections?</p> <p><i>Only has one person, staff fully trained, sign off on training</i></p>
22.	<p>There is a lot of concern in Virginia and across the country about the security and integrity of the ballot drop boxes. What are the chain of custody procedures for ballot drop boxes?</p> <p><i>drop box in registrar office, not one outside, drop box at each poll on election day, open, process, put in as marked and fill out form</i></p>
23.	<p>Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>no drop boxes outside</i></p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: _____</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>if they did have one the Sheriff's office is who would review the tape</i></p>

To strengthen public confidence in the integrity of elections, we hope to expand our observation efforts, and have a few questions about election pages, non-partisan observers, and party observers.

25. Would you provide training and support, or designate us to provide training and support, for an election day page program as described in 24.2-604.3?

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

would check with state

26. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?

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

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?

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

would have to check with state

28. 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

follow back up /

a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?

- Yes
- No (go to b.)
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

would like more clarification

state provides a Do's + Don'ts

which is then given

29. b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?

- 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).

30. Post survey question - Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)

- 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 Virginia! Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.