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Webinar –

Elections: Before the Doors Open

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Panelists



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2. Reporting Requirements
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 - b. HB 2640
3. Posting Requirements
4. Clarifying Applications for Ballot by Mail (ABBM)s
5. Emergency Ballots
6. Voters Fleeing with Paper Ballots
7. Security Best Practices
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Election Inspector Checklist

During an election, many counties may have an election's inspector from the secretary of state's office observing.

An election's specialist has a checklist of what to look for during their observation.

This section will discuss what is on the checklist.

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Reporting Requirements

This section will review and discuss the new reporting requirements implemented from the passage of new legislation, HB 2628 and HB 2640.

Local election results will now have to be reported to the Secretary of State.

- a) HB 2628 – relating to the manner of reporting and maintaining certain information relating to candidates and election returns
- b) HB 2640 – relating to political parties

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Posting Requirements

Review and discuss posting requirements at the polling places and elsewhere in the county.

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Clarifying Applications for Ballot by Mail (ABBMs)

There have been questions on the elections Listserv about receiving ABBMs that are questionable and not in the proper format with the proper language or lacking language.

We will discuss what is acceptable.

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Emergency Ballots

Since this is a presidential election year, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in voter turnout.

This discussion will cover how to prepare in the event emergency ballots are needed.

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Many counties now have voting equipment that provide a paper audit trail.

What procedures can you put in place to prevent your voter from walking out the door with their paper ballot?

Having a paper-based electronic voting system will take voters longer to vote, which will create longer lines. This could cause election results to take longer to be announced to the public and on social media.

What procedures do you have in place to make the public and social media aware this may happen?

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Security Best Practices

This discussion will offer recommendations on the security procedures in working with social media and the formatting of election results.

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Your Questions

1. Please address how to process a limited voter.

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Your Questions

2. Are children allowed to touch the voting equipment and vote their parents ballot without signing as an assistant?

This question came up during our election training class.

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