

LEADERSHIP BRIEF

2026 AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION



PWC Office of Elections – August 4, 2026

Introduction



Questions during training?

- Use chat during training
- Video/audio for participants is disabled

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Overview

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Things to Cover Tonight

- Election information
- Review important issues like common mistakes and new items
- Answer your questions



Wear your lanyards

Election Day Information



Election Day: August 4, 2026

Type: Primary - Republican Only

Work Hours: 5:00 AM ~ 8:30 PM

Voting Hours: 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Please don't talk politics
or wear political clothing
Sample ballots are on our
websites- **pwcvotes.org**

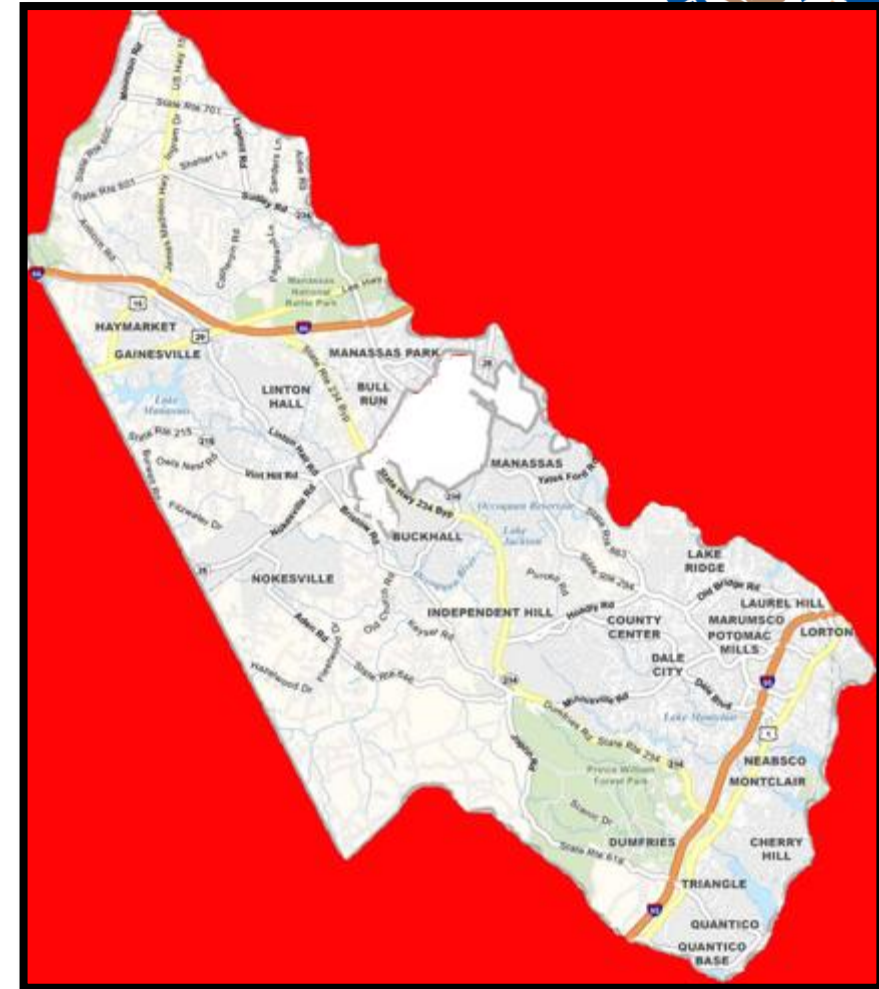


Remember to Vote Early!

Election Day Information



Republican Primary
Only
(always an open primary)

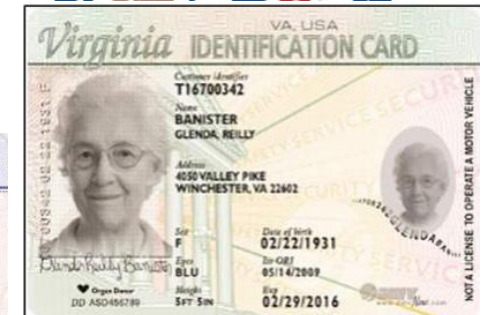
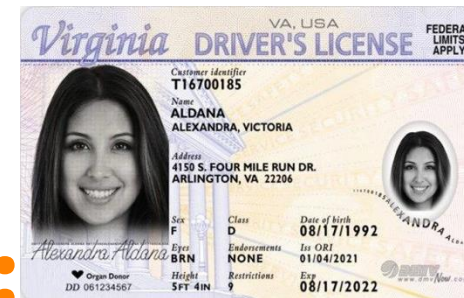


How to Ask for Voter Information

“Hi!, there is only a Republican Primary being held. Would you like to continue?”

If voter asks why, respond with:

“There is no Democratic Primary being held because the Democratic incumbents are unopposed in this election. They will be on the ballot in November.”



What's New

New Law



Voter challenges can no longer happen in polling places (Change in Virginia Code)

Affirmation of Eligibility:

- One-sided now
- Spanish on back
- Only situation applied:
***inactive voters
confirming their
address***

SPANISH

SECTION A – OFFICER OF ELECTION MUST COMPLETE

PRECINCT NUMBER/NAME _____ CONG. DIST. _____ DATE _____

OFFICER OF ELECTION NAME: _____

HAVE VOTER READ AFFIRMATION OF VOTER BELOW [OR READ AFFIRMATION TO VOTER].

HAVE VOTER SIGN AND PRINT HIS/HER FULL NAME – BEFORE VOTING.

CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO THE REASON YOU ARE ISSUING AN AFFIRMATION, IF VOTER HAS NO I.D., AND REFUSES TO COMPLETE THE I.D. CONFIRMATION STATEMENT, THE VOTER MUST COMPLETE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

☐ VOTER'S NAME MARKED "INACTIVE" OR WITH "P" ON POLLBOOK ... AND VOTER'S NAME OR ADDRESS HAS NOT CHANGED.

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SECTION B – VOTER MUST COMPLETE, AFFIRMATION OF VOTER IS REQUIRED

VOTER MUST PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SIGN.

VOTER WHO REFUSES TO COMPLETE FORM AS REQUIRED, MAY NOT VOTE.

AFFIRMATION OF VOTER

"I DO HEREBY STATE, SUBJECT TO FELONY PENALTIES FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO §24.2-1016,

THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES;

THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE (OR WILL BE ON THE ____ DAY OF _____);

THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, OR THAT I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH WITHIN THE PRECEDING 30 DAYS AND AM VOTING ONLY FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;

THAT ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, I AM NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM VOTING BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH;

THAT MY FULL NAME IS _____;

THAT IN SUCH NAME I WAS DULY REGISTERED AS A VOTER OF THIS PRECINCT;

THAT I AM NOW OR AT SOME TIME SINCE THE LAST NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION HAVE BEEN AN ACTUAL RESIDENT OF THIS PRECINCT - OR - THAT I HAVE BEEN AN ACTUAL RESIDENT OF THIS PRECINCT AT SOME TIME SINCE THE SECOND PRECEDING GENERAL FEDERAL ELECTION - AND HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY OR CITY AND THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

IF I AM VOTING IN A TOWN ELECTION TODAY, THAT I AM CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF THAT TOWN;

THAT I AM THE IDENTICAL PERSON I REPRESENT MYSELF TO BE;

AND THAT I HAVE NOT VOTED IN THIS ELECTION AT THIS OR ANY VOTING PLACE AND WILL NOT VOTE IN THIS ELECTION AT ANY OTHER VOTING PLACE."

LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN/STATE/ZIP: _____

DATE MOVED TO THIS ADDRESS: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PRINTED VOTER NAME: _____ VOTER SIGNATURE: _____

PRIVACY NOTICE: Section 24.2-651 of the Code of Virginia requires the person whose eligibility to vote is challenged to sign a statutory statement. If you do not complete this statement, you will not be allowed to vote in this election. Your completed form may be provided to government officials and third parties for election related purposes.

WARNING: MAKING A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF ELECTION FRAUD, WHICH IS PUNISHABLE UNDER VIRGINIA LAW AS A FELONY. VIOLATORS MAY BE SENTENCED TO UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON, OR UP TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL AND/OR FINED UP TO \$2,500.

ELECT-651 Rev. 07/2026

Updated Affirmation of Eligibility



OLD

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Tallypoint Updates



Changes:

- Mainly cosmetic
- Ready precinct verification

Pollbook “Flags”

When Checking in a Voter “States & Tags”



August 2026 Voter States & Tags (Election Day)

Voter State	Tag	Description
	Ready for Check-in	Proceed with check-in.
	ABU	AB Unmarked This voter returned an unmarked absentee ballot.
 CANNOT OVERRIDE	ABM	AB Marked - This voter returned a marked AB ballot.
	ABOM	AB On Machine - This voter already voted in person during the early voting period.
	ABPP	AB Pre-processed - This voter's ballot has already been processed by the Central Absentee Precinct.
	SDR	This voter is marked Same-Day Registration.
	ABF	AB FWAB - This voter submitted a federal write-in absentee ballot.
	Wrong Precinct	Voter is at the wrong precinct.
	V	This voter has voted. *This voter was checked in at your precinct.
	ABI	AB Issued - A ballot has been mailed to this voter. If the voter does not have their ballot, they may vote only by provisional ballot.
	?	Inactive Voter or Address Confirmation If Voter <u>has not</u> moved, complete Affirmation of Eligibility form and voter may vote on machine. If voter <u>has</u> moved, follow the Move Rules Chart.
		Suffix (Jr., Sr.) Tag Verify year of birth if voter has this tag.
	PID	<u>Only applicable for Federal Elections</u> Voter must present valid photo ID or copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government paycheck, paycheck, or other government document containing the name and address of the voter. *An ID Confirmation Statement is <u>NOT</u> valid for PID voters.

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Please read carefully! No ID Confirmation Statement allowed

Overview (All Precincts)



Questions?

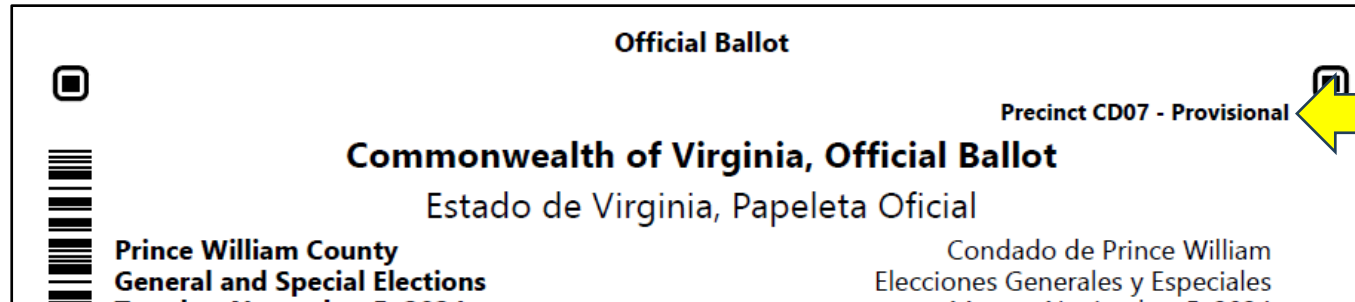
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Separate Ballots Correctly

- Regular ballots > Check In
- Provisional ballots > Chief station
- *If your ballots are being rejected at the start of the day, it is likely because you mixed up the ballots*



Common Mistakes



New Officer on Pollbook/Scanner

- Watch them!
- Make sure they are following proper procedures and not disenfranchising voters

Common Mistakes

Provisionals

- Incomplete envelopes
- **MUST** use provisional overlays
- Make sure voter completes all * boxes
- Full SSN for SDR
- Check for all signatures



Provisional Verification
Reasons #3-7
This Side Up

Precinct # _____

☐ Yes ☐ No I am a citizen of the United States of America

* Full social security number _____

* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____

* Last Name _____ Jr. Sr. II III IV (Circle one) Other (write in) _____

* First Name _____ * Middle Name _____ ☐ None

* Residence Address (May not be a P.O. Box) _____ Apt. _____

* City/Town _____ * ZIP Code _____

☐ Yes ☐ No I have
☐ Yes ☐ No if yes

Same Day Registration
SDR
This Side Up

Signature X _____ Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____

Election Officer Use

☐ #1 Same Day Registration (not on pollbook)
Time: _____ a.m. p.m. (circle one)

☐ Yes ☐ No Did voter show ID or
complete ID Confirmation Statement?

Comments _____

Election Officer Signature X _____

Provisional Verification
Reasons #3-7
This Side Up

Precinct # _____

* Last Name _____ Jr. Sr. II III IV (Circle one) Other (write in) _____

* First Name _____ * Middle Name _____ ☐ None

* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____

* Social Security Number _____
Last 4 digits required
Providing your full Social Security number may help determine your eligibility to vote.

* Residence Address (May not be a P.O. Box) _____ Apt. _____

* City/Town _____ * ZIP Code _____

For the best of my knowledge, I am a registered voter of this locality, and I am eligible to vote in this election. I hereby affirm that I have read the Privacy Act Notice and Warning.

* Signature X _____ Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____

Election Officer Use

Select a Reason

☐ #3 Voting after hours due to court order

☐ #4 Vote by mail - no ballot to surrender

☐ #5 Shown on pollbook as already voted

☐ #6 Other _____

☐ #7 Voter does not have required ID and declined to complete the ID Confirmation Statement

Comments _____

Election Officer Signature X _____

Common Mistakes



Officer Errors on Provisionals

Wrong Precinct



Verify the work of your pollbook officers before provisional ballots

How to Ask for Voter Information



If a 17 year old will be 18 years old by the November 3rd General Election, they are eligible to vote in Primary Elections.

Polling Place Visitors

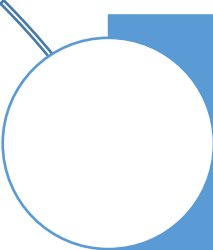
Authorized Representatives



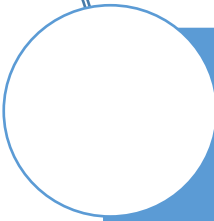
Poll Watchers

- Must have a signed letter from party chair (copy OK)
- Be friendly and helpful to them, but set boundaries to protect voter secrecy (not near booths/scanners)
- Poll watchers can “see and hear,” not verifiers of work
- Poll watchers are not required to see the pollbook, but it is allowed

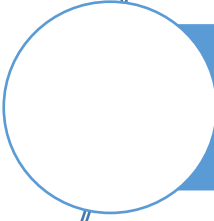
Neutral Observers



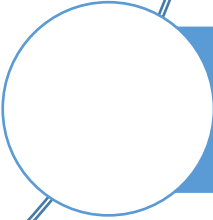
Please note the U.S. Department of Justice and AP/NAACP will have staffers come to the precinct during a General Election



Please check ID and authorization letter to verify the individual observers and answer their questions.



Reminder: The title “LO” on your roster refers the Language Officer and CO handles requests.



DOJ observers are focusing on language support providing by documents and election officers

Neutral Observers



PRINCE WILLIAM
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WWW.PWCVOTES.ORG

July 31, 2026

Dear Polling Place Chief,

This letter authorizes its bearer from the **Department of Justice** to observe activity in your polling place on August 4, 2026 for the 2026 Primary Election. Please direct the individual with this letter to provide identification and verify their name on the list below.

Observing Organization:

Approved Observers

Joe Jones	Joe Jones
Tammy Thompson	Tammy Thompson
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Tammy Thompson	Tammy Thompson
Joe Jones	
Tammy Thompson	

If your polling place does not have room for additional observers such that it would infringe on voter access or privacy, please inform the bearer of this letter. If you have questions or problems, please call Chief HQ at 703-792-8397 to talk with Office of Elections' staff.

The same Virginia Code rights, rules, and limitations that apply to Authorized Observers would apply to this observer. Voter privacy around voting booths and the ballot scanner should be maintained to ensure ballot secrecy. The observer's organization has been given a primer on polling place rules.

Questions about polling place operations and procedures can be directed to the Chief who should be helpful with observers if not directly assisting a voter.

The bearer of this letter may keep it to use at other polling locations. Chiefs should note the visitor by name and organization and log it on Part F.

Thanks so much to the Chief for accommodating our observers and to the observers for being respectful of the important work of our election officers.

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ADVANCEMENT PROJECT

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Before Closing

- Assign officers tasks prior to closing
- Remind officers not to rush important tasks
- Make sure you have someone assigned and ready to close the ballot scanners

Closing Reminders



End of Night Goal

Precinct Results:

Submitted by 7:30 pm in TallyPoint

✓ ***Enter***

✓ ***Save***

✓ ***Double Check***

✓ ***Submit***

Final Notes

Important Leadership Notes



Chief Reminders

- Be an active leader
- Use your support network
- Prioritize opening/closing equipment

Supply Pick-Up Survey



Chiefs and SAs ONLY:

Email tomorrow – Wednesday (7/29)

Please respond to pick-up time survey

Available Times
Thursday 10 AM – 7 PM
Friday 10 AM – 6 PM

Supply Pick-Up Survey



1. Supply Pick Up Reservation Survey - Please choose ONE

☐ THUR 10am-1pm ☐ THUR 1pm-4pm ☐ THUR 4pm-7pm ☐ FRI 10am-1pm ☐ FRI 1pm-4pm ☐ FRI 4pm-6pm

Final Notes



Chief Resources

Chief HQ phonenumber available on
Monday until 7:00 pm

Chief HQ phonenumber available on Election Day
from 4:45 am – ~9:00 pm

Update – Returning EPS



**EPS Re-Certification training
will be completed before
the November Election**

QUESTIONS?

