

Washoe County - Registrar of Voters Poll Worker Newsletter – Volume 11



Changes in Nevada's Election Laws

Here is a recap of some election laws that were passed during the 2017 Legislative Session:

AB 45 & 478 – Deadline dates to register to vote or update your voter information preceding an election have been slightly modified. There are now three different deadlines: By mail is the 4th Tuesday preceding an election, in person is the 3rd Tuesday preceding an election and online is the Thursday before Early Voting starts. Specific dates for the 2018 election are on page 3.

SB 117 – Requires certain accommodations for voters who are disabled or not physically able to wait in line to vote. A polling place may have a separate line to accommodate such voters, or the poll worker may escort the voter to the front of the line.

SB 447 – Provides for a permanent absentee ballot (all elections) for a voter with a physical disability or a voter who is 65 years of age or older.

AB 519 – Appropriation of \$8 million to the Secretary of State to award grants to counties so they can purchase voting systems. Washoe County will receive \$1.7 million from the State which will supplement what the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners has already approved and set aside for our department. Our BCC was among the first to set up and allocate money for new voting equipment because they understand the importance of having reliable and secure voting systems for the registered voters of Washoe County.



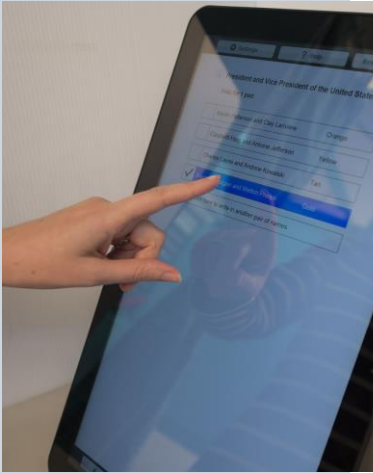
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New Voting Equipment

The EDGE touch screen voting equipment is now a thing of the past, along with paper roster books.



But don't be too nervous about learning all new equipment. Processing voters will still essentially be the same. We are using the same vendor that provided us with the EDGE, Dominion Voting Systems. An oversized tablet will take the place of the EDGE with new and improved VVPats. Electronic poll books will be used instead of laptops and roster books.

Poll workers will still check in voters and issue them a voter access card to cast their ballot. Instead of having the voter sign a paper roster, he will sign an electronic pad. This means the voter only has to check in at one station, not two.

Once we receive the new voting equipment, a date will be set and an invitation will be sent out to all poll workers to come down and give the new equipment a try. Shortly after that a date will be scheduled for a mock election that will be open to the public to come in and try the new equipment. I may need a few volunteers to assist us.

With new voting equipment to be deployed by the 2018 election, this means all new training will need to be developed.

Luanne and Deanna attended a two day conference in Las Vegas called "2017 Election Administrator Workshop" that was presented by the Secretary of State's office to discuss the various election law changes from the 2017 legislative session. Various topics were discussed such as the Federal Voting Assistance Program, Federal Election Crimes and the FBI's role, election mail services and absentee ballot best practices to just name a few.



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2018 Election Dates

Mark your calendars with these
important 2018 Election dates.

Primary Election

June 12, 2018

Early Voting

May 26 – June 8, 2018

General Election

November 6, 2018

Early Voting

October 20 – November 2,
2018

Voter Registration Deadlines

Primary Election

May 15, 2018 by mail
May 22, 2018 in person
May 24, 2018 on line

General Election

October 9, 2018 by mail
October 16, 2018 in person
October 18, 2018 on line



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