Exhibit D
ELECTION OFFICERS
&
POLL WATCHERS

REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF
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Election Officer or Pollwatching

- Republican Election Officers are the 1st line of defense against election fraud – you are helping run the election

- Republican Pollwatchers are the 2nd line of defense – a second set of eyes to catch problems
Becoming an Election Officer

- Stop election fraud before it happens
- Full (~ 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM) or ½ day commitment.
- $125 to $175 as full day Election Officer working for your county/city
- Training provided – election process, set-up and use of machines, assist voters, tally results
Why Do Pollwatching?

- Defend election integrity
- Observe inadvertent or deliberate misuse of election procedures or laws
- Request immediate corrective action
- Escalate unresolved issues
- You determine your time commitment
- Training provided by RPV or your local unit
Pollwatcher Rights & Responsibilities

- Official election day role (§24.2-604)
- Authorization from local party chairman
- Allowed to “see and hear” all activities
- Observe the process and challenge questionable activity
- Point out the situation to the Chief or Asst Chief and ask for corrective action
- Escalate the concern if the Chief or Asst Chief does not act to your satisfaction

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Polling Place Layout
Election Officer & Pollwatcher Training

- Understand Election Day operations
- Obtain layman’s understanding of the Election Law in §24.2 of the Code of Virginia
- Election Officer – emphasis on process
- Pollwatcher – overview of process & law
- What to look for to stop fraud and what to do about it

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Election Day Players - 1

- **Virginia Office of Elections (ELECT)**
  - Commissioner appointed by Governor

- **3-person State Board of Elections (SBE)**
  - appointed by Governor – 2 from party of Governor – set election policy

- **3-person local Board of Elections (EB)**
  - 2 from party of Governor – apply policy for locality

- **Local General Registrar of Voters**
  - appointed by local EB – implement policy
Election Day Players - 2

- **Precinct Election Officers (EO)** – Chief and Ass’t Chief (different parties) and Officers (split between parties) – conduct election

- **Outside Pollworkers** – distribute party literature beyond 40 foot from entrance to poll

- **Inside Pollwatchers** – official observers from the parties
Election Day Players - 3

- Precinct voters
- **News Media** - limited access
- **Neutral Guest Observers** – invited by local EB
- **Candidates** – limited access
Polling Place Operations

- **Before** the polls open (~5:00 am)
- **Voting** period (6:00 am to 7:00 pm)
- **After** the polls close (7:00 pm to ~ 9:00 pm)
If You Observe A Problem

1. **Immediate action is required**
2. Inform the Chief or the Asst Chief
3. Election Officers: work with Chief/Asst Chief to correct (if possible)
4. Pollwatchers: if response is unsatisfactory or untimely, you can escalate and call the Hot Line.
Opening the Polls (1 of 2)

- **Public counters on machines are not zero** (§24.2-639) - the EO’s should examine each voting machine to ascertain that the public counters are zero.

- **You are not allowed to see the tapes and counters** (§24.2-639) - machines should be examined in the presence of the authorized pollwatchers.
Opening the Polls (2 of 2)

- Opening tapes on the voting machines show votes have already been cast (§24.2-639) - the EO’s should examine each voting machines and remove any machines with existing votes

- Machine(s) are not secured with a seal or lock (§24.2-633&634) – The machine(s) should not be used
Improper Activities (1 of 3)

- The polls do not open at 6:00 AM (§24.2-603)
- Unauthorized persons are in the polling place (§24.2-604C) - only authorized persons (EO’s, up to 3 pollwatchers from each party and precinct voters)
- Outside pollworkers are too close to the entrance (§24.2-604A & 604B) - must be at least 40 ft from the poll entrance
Improper Activities (2 of 3)

- The Chief refuses to let you use your PDA or cell phone (§24.2-604C) – allowed as long as no pictures taken and not disruptive
- The polls remain open after 7:00 pm (§24.2-603) - only those in line will be allowed to vote after 7:00 pm
The authorized Democrat pollwatchers are not registered voters in Virginia (§24.2-604C) - must be registered Virginia voters

A voter or a pollwatcher becomes unruly or disruptive (§24.2-607) – may be removed by EO’s
Voter is not first asked for his name & address upon arrival at pollbook station (§24.2-643B) – voter must respond either orally or in writing

The Election Officer does not announce the name of the voter so that it can be heard (§24.2-643B) - the EO’s must repeat the name & address so the pollwatchers can hear it
Voter Check-In (2 of 3)

- **Voter is not asked for ID** (§24.2-643A) - the EO must ask for and see an ID / list of acceptable ID’s available

- **Voter’s name on pollbook but has no acceptable ID** (§24.2-643B) - the voter must cast a Provisional ballot

- **Voter marked in pollbook as having already voted in person** (§24.2-651.1) – only entitled to cast a Provisional ballot / counter arguments must be rejected
Voter Check-In (3 of 3)

- **Voter marked in pollbook as having voted absentee attempts to vote in person** (§24.2-653.1) – only allowed to cast a Provisional ballot / unless unused Absentee Ballot returned

- **Voter name is not in the pollbook** (§24.2-653) - Chief must contact Registrar to determine status / if error, o.k. to vote regular ballot / if undetermined, Provisional ballot only

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Voter Assistance (1 of 2)

- Authorized Democrat pollwatchers are attempting to assist/influence voters inside the polls (§24.2-604C &D) – pollwatchers may not provide assistance to voters inside the polls / social discourse o.k.

- A voter asks to vote outside the polls (§24.2-649A & 639) - any voter over 65 or physically disabled may request curbside voting / the pollwatcher may observe
Voter Assistance (2 of 2)

- A voter is being assisted in marking his ballot (§24.2-649B) – the voter may request an assistant (cannot be employer or union officer) to help him vote but a Request for Assistance form must be signed by both
  - Voters requiring language translation
  - Blind or physically challenged voters
  - Caretaker for group must sign Request for Assistance for every voter in group
Other Problems (1 of 3)

• Fleeing voter: Voter leaves without completing his voting (SBE Regulation) – under no circumstances should the EO scan a ballot found unattended

• Challenge – you suspect a voter is not qualified (§24.2-651) – any qualified voter can challenge the vote of a person – you must sign a Challenge Form – if voter signs Affirmation Form, vote will be allowed
Other Problems (2 of 3)

- **Anyone other than voter and EO touches a voting machine (§24.2-68)** - the voting machines must be kept in the open / per §24.2-1009, it is a felony for anyone to tamper with a voting machine.

- **A voting machine breaks down after votes are cast (§24.2-642)** - the Chief must contact the Registrar for technician / pollwatchers may observe repairs / **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS MACHINE TO BE REMOVED FROM POLLING PLACE**
Other Problems (3 of 3)

- **Court orders the polls to stay open after 7:00 PM (§24.2-653C)** - the polling hours may be extended by court order / all votes on Provisional ballots

- **Voted Provisional ballots are not secured (§24.2-653A)** – inform Chief to put ballots in secure envelope

- **Voter scans provisional ballot (§24.2-653B)** – voter eligibility checked after election and vote accepted/rejected by local EB
Closing the Polls (1 of 2)

- After polls close at 7:00 pm, the polling place is not secured and unauthorized people are in the room (§24.2-655) - only EO’s and two pollwatchers from each party allowed / no one can leave once Closing started.

- You are unable to see the closing tapes or hear the results for each race (§24.2-655) - two pollwatchers from each party are allowed to observe Closing / results verified at Canvass on Wednesday.
Closing the Polls (2 of 2)

- The pollbook counts and the machine vote totals are not equal (§24.2-657) - machine totals accepted if differences unresolved / if discrepancy, Chief must document

- A machine is unable to print a closing tape (§24.2-642A) - the machine should be locked, sealed and delivered to the Registrar / results determined at Canvass on Wednesday
Thank You

- Your efforts working on Election Day are critical to ensuring the integrity of the election.
- You are making a significant contribution to the campaigns.

On To Victory!

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