

Exhibit D

**ELECTION OFFICERS
&
POLL WATCHERS**



**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF
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Election Officer or Pollwatching

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- **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

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- **Stop election fraud before it happens**
- **Full (~ 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM) or 1/2 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?

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- **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**

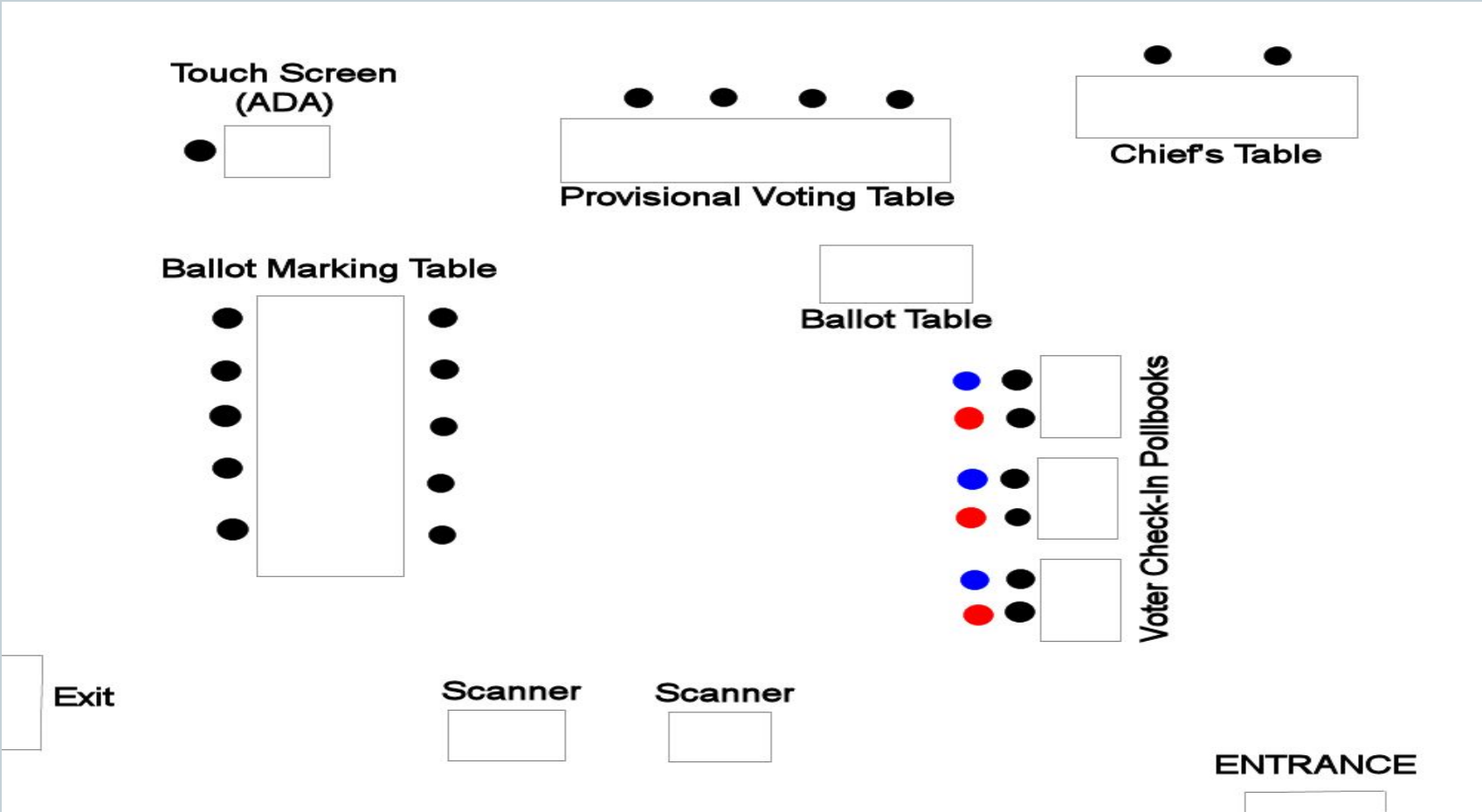
Pollwatcher Rights & Responsibilities

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- 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

Polling Place Layout

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Election Officer & Pollwatcher Training

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- **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**

Election Day Players - 1

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- **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

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- **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

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

Polling Place Operations

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- **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

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- 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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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**

Improper Activities (3 of 3)

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- **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 Check-In (1 of 3)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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**

Voter Assistance (1 of 2)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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)

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- **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

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- **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!