### CHECKLIST OF POLLING PLACE OPERATIONS

#### OVERVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS

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<td>Locate person’s name in the Pollbook. Mark off next consecutive number on Pollbook Count form (if PR Officer determines person is qualified). Enter the Pollbook Count number to the left of the person’s name in the pollbook. Enter “OP,” if person votes outside polls, or “S,” if person is required to sign Affirmation of Eligibility form. Direct the voter to the next Officer.</td>
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<td>Issue the official ballot card to the voter. Direct the voter to an available vote booth. Ensure that voter does not stand around holding ballot for extended period of time.</td>
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<td>Remind the voter, if necessary, to insert the ballot into the counter after the ballot is marked. Remove campaign material left in the voting booth. Check ballot-book pages for markings. Turn ballot-book pages back to Page 1.</td>
<td>Direct the voter to insert the ballot card UNFOLDED into the ballot counter; or instruct the voter to deposit the ballot card into the Ballot Box in the event of a power failure or a counter problem.</td>
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## PRECINCT ROSTER (PR) POSITION

**Punch Card Equipment**

### MATERIALS AND EXPLANATIONS

**Absentee Ballot List (AB List):**
The Absentee Ballot Applicant List (AB List) is a record of voters who were issued an absentee ballot before election day.

**Precinct Roster (PR):**
The PR is the official record of registered voters in the precinct. In addition to the identifying information listed for each voter, the PR will show, to the left of some voters’ names, two symbols that affect a voter’s qualification to vote: an asterisk (∗) and a question mark (?). The “∗” requires a voter to show identification; the “?” requires the PR officer to ask the voter certain questions to determine if the person is qualified to vote. The PR Officer will need to be familiar with and refer to the section, WHAT IF. . . .

**Alphabetical Sections.** The PR may be divided into alphabetical sections (e.g., A-J and K-Z), depending on the number of voters in the precinct. If the PR is divided, the pollbook must be divided into the same alphabetical sections.

### BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN

**Absentee Ballot Applicant List (AB List)**
Using a blue pen, mark “R-AB” (for republican absentee ballot) in the VOTE REC column of the PR for each name listed on the AB List.

**Note:** Your AB List is a computer printout. “R-AB” or “AB” has been pre-printed on the PR for those absentee voters with an asterisk (∗) printed next to the name on the AB List. For those names with no asterisk on the AB List, mark “R-AB” on the PR next to the voter’s name, as instructed above.

Post the AB List for public inspection. Treat each name marked “AB” or “R-AB” on the PR to be a person who has already voted. Refer to WHAT IF, Problem 15 or 16, if a person offers to vote and “AB” or “R-AB” is marked next to his name.

### WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN

**Determining Voter is Qualified**
The PR Officer is the first to encounter a problem regarding a person’s qualification to vote. If the problem is not one the PR Officer can handle at that time, the Officer should ask the voter to step aside so that other voters are not delayed. Then, the Chief Officer should be called for assistance. For the majority of voters, the PR Officer will follow the procedure outlined below in the first column, Steps #1 -- #6.

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<th>WHAT TO DO IF . . .</th>
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<td>1. Ask the voter for his full legal name (even if you know the person).</td>
<td><strong>IF “C” IS PRINTED NEXT TO VOTER’S NAME, SEE WHAT IF, Problem 1. IF VOTER HAS NO ID, SEE WHAT IF, Problem 2.</strong></td>
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<td>2. Locate voter’s name on the PR.</td>
<td><strong>IF “?” IS PRINTED NEXT TO VOTER’S NAME, SEE WHAT IF, Problem 3 - 6.</strong></td>
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<td>3. Ask voter to state current resident address.</td>
<td><strong>IF VOTER’S ADDRESS HAS CHANGED, SEE WHAT IF, Problems 4 - 6.</strong></td>
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<td>4. Compare voter’s current address with the address printed on the PR.</td>
<td><strong>IF VOTER’S QUALIFICATION TO VOTE IS CHALLENGED, SEE WHAT IF, Problem 10.</strong></td>
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<td>5. Repeat in a clear voice: voter’s full name (last name first) and current address.</td>
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| 6. Enter “R” in red ink to the left of voter’s name in the VOTE REC column. | }
POLLBOOK POSITION
Punch Card Equipment

MATERIALS AND EXPLANATIONS

Pollbook: The pollbook is similar to the PR--except that the pollbook lists only the name and address of each registered voter in the precinct.

Pollbook Count: The Pollbook Count is a pre-printed form that lists numbers, 1 - 1000, in consecutive order. A separate Pollbook Count form is used for each line.

BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN

Pollbook Count Form
Check to see that you have one Pollbook Count form for each line.
Check to see that identifying information on the Pollbook Count form (top of each page) has been filled in and agrees with the pollbook’s alphabetical division.

WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN

Procedure
At the time the PR Officer asks for and states the person’s full name (last name first) . . .
Locate the person’s name in the Pollbook. If the PR Officer determines the person is qualified to vote . . .
Mark off (X) the next consecutive number on the Pollbook Count form.
Enter the marked-off number in the Pollbook--in the column to the left of the voter’s name.
Direct the voter to the next Officer.

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<td>VOTER VOTES OUTSIDE THE POLLS . . .</td>
<td>ENTER “OP” OPPOSITE VOTER’S NAME IN POLLBOOK (FIRST COLUMN)</td>
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<td>VOTER IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THE AFFIRMATION STATEMENT . . .</td>
<td>ENTER “S” OPPOSITE VOTER’S NAME IN POLLBOOK (FIRST COLUMN)</td>
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AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE

Certifying Polls Closed
After the last person has voted and departed, all Officers must certify the closing of the polls at the end of each pollbook.
Write “Polls Closed, (Date), (Time)” on the last page of each pollbook.
Have each Officer sign his name following “Polls Closed, (Date) (Time).”

Certifying Pollbook Count
Enter the last number marked off the Pollbook Count form in the Certification section (bottom, page 4 of form).
Sign the statement, certifying the Pollbook Count number. (Pollbook Officer only).

Statement of Results
Provide to the Officer preparing the Statement of Results, the Pollbook Count for the pollbook’s alphabetical or legislative division.
DEMONSTRATION POSITION
Punch Card Equipment

WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN

PROCEDURE

A DEMONSTRATION SHOULD BE OFFERED TO EACH VOTER. HOWEVER, IF THE VOTER INSISTS HE DOES NOT NEED A DEMONSTRATION, DIRECT THE VOTER TO THE OFFICER AT THE NEXT STATION.

SAMPLE BALLOT GUIDE. CALL VOTER’S ATTENTION TO THE SAMPLE BALLOT. EXPLAIN THAT EACH SECTION ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT REPRESENTS AN OFFICE TO BE FILLED OR A PROPOSAL TO BE DECIDED BY THE VOTERS.

OVERVOTE. SHOW THE VOTER HOW TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF VOTES ALLOWED FOR EACH OFFICE. CAUTION THE VOTER TO VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THE NUMBER TO BE ELECTED FOR AN OFFICE. OTHERWISE, THE VOTER WILL CAST AN OVERVOTE, AND THE VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED FOR THAT OFFICE.

DEMONSTRATION MODEL. POSITION THE DEMONSTRATION MODEL TO FACE THE VOTER. EXPLAIN TO A NEW VOTER THAT THE DEMONSTRATION MODEL IS SIMILAR TO THE ACTUAL “VOTE RECORDER” INSIDE THE VOTING BOOTH. SHOW THE VOTER THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE DEMONSTRATOR’S BALLOT BOOK PAGE.


ENCOURAGE PRACTICE. HAVE THE VOTER . . .
✓ USE TWO HANDS TO INSERT A GOLD BALLOT CARD (UNFOLDED) INTO TOP OPENING
✓ SLIDE THE CARD DOWN AS FAR AS IT WILL GO
✓ PLACE THE CARD OVER THE TWO RED PEGS
✓ PRESS THE STYLIST STRAIGHT DOWN INTO ONE OF THE NUMBERED HOLES BESIDE A CANDIDATE’S NAME (PENS/PENCILS MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STYLIST)
✓ LIFT THE CARD OVER THE RED PEGS; SLIDE THE CARD OUT OF THE DEMONSTRATOR
✓ COMPARE THE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A CANDIDATE OR PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT PAGE WITH THE NUMBER THAT IS PUNCHED ON THE CARD
✓ CHECK EACH NUMBERED HOLE PUNCHED ON THE BALLOT CARD TO SEE THAT THE HOLE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY PUNCHED THROUGH (TURN THE CARD OVER AND EXAMINE IT FOR “HANGING CHADS” OR FRAGMENTS OF THE BALLOT CARD)


AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE

PACK THE DEMONSTRATION MODEL(S) INSIDE THE BALLOT COUNTER—BEFORE THE COUNTER IS CLOSED AND LOCKED.
FORMS POSITION
(OPTIONAL)
Punch Card Equipment

NOTE: The Forms position might be filled during a Presidential or Gubernatorial election when a “heavy” turnout of voters is expected. Otherwise, the duties are usually handled by the Demonstration Officer.

MATERIALS

- Request for Assistance forms (White)
- Virginia Voter Registration Application forms
- Affirmation of Eligibility forms (White)

WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN

OVERALL PROCEDURE
The Chief Officer establishes what type of form must be completed before the voter’s name is marked in the PR or the Pollbook.
The Chief Officer escorts the voter to the Demonstration table and explains circumstances to Officer at the table.
Officer explains how to complete the form correctly (See What If)
Officer reviews form for errors or missing information before the voter leaves the table.
If the voter is eligible to vote he is escorted by the Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Officer or Forms Officer back to the front of the line to continue the voting process.
If the voter is not eligible to vote he is free to leave the polling place.

SPECIFIC FORMS

Virginia Voter Registration Application form
This form is used when a voter needs to update his registration information or to register to vote (See What If, Problems 4 and 11)
All blanks must be filled in on the Virginia Voter Registration Application form.
Write “None” in any blank areas.
Verify that form is completed correctly before voter leaves.

Affirmation of Eligibility form (White)
This form is on the back of the Request for Assistance form (SBE 649)
This form is used when there is a question concerning a citizen’s eligibility to vote (See What If, Problems 2, 3, and 11)
A person who refuses to sign the Affirmation of Eligibility form may not vote.
Verify that form is completed correctly before voter leaves.

Request for Assistance form (White SBE 649)
This form is used when a voter asks for assistance in voting due to a physical disability or an inability to read or write (See What If, Problems 11 - 13)
Blind voter - A blind voter and assistant are not required to sign the Request for Assistance form, however, identifying information is required.
✓ Write “Blind Voter” on signature line in Section A; print the voter’s name on line below
✓ Print Assistant’s name and address in Section B
Verify that form is completed correctly before voter leaves.

AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE

Pack completed forms in Envelope B. Pack unused (blank) forms in suitcase.
**CHECKLIST OF POLLING PLACE OPERATIONS**

**BALLOT POSITION (OPTIONAL)**

**Punch Card Equipment**

**NOTE:** The Ballot position might be filled during a Presidential or Gubernatorial election when a ‘heavy’ turnout of voters is expected. Otherwise, the duties are usually handled by the Precinct Roster Officer or the Pollbook Officer.

**MATERIALS**

Ballot cards, numbered sequentially within a pad; fifty (50) cards per pad

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**BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN**

**CONFIRM NUMBER OF BALLOTS.** Confirm that the number of ballot cards received for the precinct agrees with Line 1 on both copies of the Statement of Results (SOR), Part A. Ballots. (See below)

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<th>PART A. BALLOTS</th>
<th>Count the number of ballot pads received Multiply the number of ballot pads by 50 (e.g., 30 ballot pads x 50 cards per pad = 1500)</th>
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**WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN**

**PROCEDURE**

Use one ballot pad at a time and in the sequence in which they are packed—starting at the front of the box.

- Remove the first ballot pad from the front of the box.
- Issue one ballot card to the voter.
- Direct voter to next available vote booth.
- Ensure that voters do not stand around holding the ballots for extended periods of time.

**BALLOT PROBLEMS**

**TYPE OF BALLOT**

- **Challenged [Green Envelope]**
  - Voter’s name not on PR and Officer is unable to reach Registrar, or
  - Registrar cannot confirm the person is registered to vote
  - Refer to What If, Problem 8

- **Spoiled**
  - Voter makes an error in voting, or
  - Ballot is damaged
  - Mark ballot SPOILED
  - Place ballot in Envelope #4
  - Issue to voter a new ballot

- **Void**
  - Voter decides not to cast his ballot, or
  - Voter leaves polling room before casting ballot, or
  - Voter leaves polling room with ballot
  - Mark ballot VOID
  - Place ballot in Envelope #4
  - Do not issue to voter another ballot

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**AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE**

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS (SOR).** The last officer assigned to issue the ballots should provide the Officers preparing the SOR with the numbers for Lines 2 and 3, Part A. Ballots:

**Line 2: Ballots Not Used**

- Multiply the number of unused full ballot pads times 50 (Ex: 10 pads x 50 = 500)
- Count the number of cards remaining on the last-used (Partially-Used) pad (Ex: 23 cards not used)
- Add the two numbers: Unused Ballot Pads x 50 + Cards on Partially-Used Pad (Ex: 500 + 23 = 523)
VOTING BOOTH POSITION
Punch Card Equipment

EQUIPMENT:
- Voting Booths
- Voting Area for Disabled and Elderly Voters
- Voting Area for voters eligible to vote Federal Only or Presidential Only ballots

SETTING UP THE VOTING BOOTHs

Before the Polls Open

Open the case and carefully remove the leg sections.
Close the case; turn the case upside down so that the underside is facing up.
Snap the legs together; insert the legs in the receptacles on the underside of the case.
Turn the legs firmly in a clockwise direction to ensure that the legs are securely attached.

Return the case to the upright position.
Open the case and insert each side panel into the grooves on the left and right side of the lid.
Unwrap the electrical cord; insert the cord into an outlet or into the outlet of another voting booth—if light is needed inside the booth.

Voting Area for Disabled & Elderly Voters and Voters Eligible to Vote Federal Only or Presidential Only Ballot

Each polling place should have at least one table, set away from working tables and other booths, as a voting area for physically disabled and elderly. Remove the tray from a voting booth as needed and set on table for voter. Privacy must be assured!

While the Polls Are Open

Note: Voters are permitted to take Sample Ballot Guides and campaign material with them into the voting booth.

Procedure

Direct the voter to the first available voting booth.
Check to see that the voter has removed his ballot card from the voting booth after voting. If necessary, remind the voter to insert the ballot in the counter before he leaves the polling room.
Remove any campaign material left in the voting booth.
Check the ballot-book pages for any marking on the pages. If a voter has written on the ballot pages and the writing cannot be completely erased, call Voting Machine Service for new ballot pages. Close the sides of the booth until the technician replaces the pages.
Turn the ballot-book pages back to Page 1 so the next voter will see the instructions.

If . . .  Then . . .

Additional Demonstration
- If a voter needs an additional demonstration. . .

Refer the voter to the Demonstration Officer or follow the procedure outlined in the Demonstration Officer’s Guide.

Instruction Inside Booth
- If a voter requests instruction in the voting booth on using the voting equipment . . .

Two officers, from different political parties, may enter the booth with voter
✓ Explain to the voter how to use the voting equipment
✓ Do not, in any manner, indicate how the voter should vote; leave the booth so the voter may vote in secret

After the Polls Close

Dismantling Voting Booths

Dismantle the voting booths; place the aluminum legs inside the storage compartment of each booth.
Wrap each booth’s electrical cord around the cleats.
Fold the sides of each booth; stack the cases beside the locked counter.

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BALLOT COUNTER POSITION
Punch Card Equipment

EQUIPMENT
Ballot Counter (PBC III D)  Emergency Ballot Box

BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN

SETTING UP THE COUNTER  (A Quick Reference)

- Unlock the side panel.
- Remove the power cord and other election materials.
- Close and lock the side panel.
- Plug the power cord into the counter’s rear-panel outlet and into a grounded wall outlet.
- Turn the counter ON, using switch on rear panel. (The counter will automatically print a Zero (0000) tape. Do not tear off this tape.)
- Verify the four Zeros (0000) on Line 7, Statement of Results, Part B. Counter—if you see on the front Public Counter: “0000/Insert Ballot.”
- Examine Zero Tape; confirm all positions show “0000”.
- Check to see that the Zero (0000) Tape has been examined and initialed by Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer.
- Leave the Zero Tape on the paper roll.

WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN

PROCEDURE
The Counter Officer should stand next to or behind the counter to assure the voter of ballot secrecy and to prevent the voter from leaving the polling room before he inserts the ballot into the counter.
The voter should release the ballot immediately after inserting it UNFOLDED into the counter’s ballot opening.
The ballot card may be inserted with the numbered side up or down and from either the top or the bottom of the card.

EMERGENCY BALLOT BOX
In the event of a power failure or a counter problem which cannot be resolved immediately, instruct the voter to deposit his ballot into the Emergency Ballot Box. The Emergency Ballot Box must remain locked until the polls close and the last voter has departed.

AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE

Open the Emergency Ballot Box: Place any Challenged Ballots, which have been sealed in a green envelope, inside the larger green Envelope #1—Challenged Ballots. (These ballots are not counted until the next day.)
Open the sealed Outside Polls envelopes; insert these ballot cards, and any other loose ballot cards, into the counter.

RUNNING TAPES AND CLOSING THE COUNTER
(A Quick Reference)

- Unlock the keypad door.
- Press the asterisk ( * ) on the keypad once.
- Press the "0" key to confirm that all ballots have been inserted into the ballot counter. The counter will begin to print the results tapes automatically.
- Run four (4) tapes.
- Provide to the Officer preparing the Statement of Results the final number shown on the public counter (Line 8).
- Remove all ballots from the counter.
- Unplug electrical cord from wall outlet and counter.
- Place electrical cord, extension cord (if used), demonstrators, and any other materials, as directed, inside counter.
- Close and lock side panel.
- Lock keypad panel on top.
- Place locked counter with voting booth cases.