

# Municipal Elections

The Mississippi Secretary  
of State's Office  
Elections Division  
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## Overview of Training

- Miscellaneous
  - *Federal Compliance*
  - *Canvassing results*
  - *Reporting*
  - *Campaign Finance*
- Absentee Ballots
- Affidavit Ballots
- Poll Manager Duties



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## Why are you being trained?

- You must be certified to run the election.
- You must provide training to the poll workers you hire.



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## Touch-Screen Voting

- You are not required to use any particular type of voting technology.
- Touch-screen voting is utilized in federal elections.
- You may use any voting method, but your municipality will bear the cost.



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## Voter Registration

- A municipal clerk is still a registrar for voter registration.
- Municipalities must coordinate with circuit clerk to have the registered voter put in SEMS.
- Effective January 1, 2010, all municipalities must have their voter rolls incorporated into SEMS.



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## Section 5, Voting Rights Act

*Any changes to the elections process must be pre-approved by the U.S. Department of Justice.*



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## Section 5, Voting Rights Act

"It is important to understand that Section 5 applies only to changes in practices or procedures affecting voting. Continuous use of a voting practice in effect since the jurisdiction's coverage date does not implicate Section 5, nor does continued use of a practice already pre-cleared under Section 5."

([http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting/sec\\_5/types.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting/sec_5/types.htm))



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## US Department of Justice Pre-Clearance

- Redistricting
- Changing Polling Places
- Modifying the Voting Method (e.g., OMR Scanner to Hand Count)



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## US Department of Justice Pre-Clearance

For more information, please contact:

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