

Municipal Elections
Presented By:
The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division

2013 Municipal Elections
Certification Training



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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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"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)



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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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Recapitulation

- Uniform Reporting
- Recapitulation must be completed correctly by Municipal Election Commissioners.
- **ON-TIME Certification.**
 - Election Commissions have five (5) Days, post-election, to certify properly.
 - Please forward a copy to Secretary of State's Office.



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Official Recapitulation

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Name of the Precinct		W	MO	W	W	W	W
		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WARD 1							
Contest 1	July 1						
Contest 2	July 2						
Contest 3	July 3						
WARD 2							
Contest 4	July 1						
Contest 5	July 2						
WARD 3							
Contest 6	July 1						
Contest 7	July 2						
WARD 4							
Contest 8	July 1						
Contest 9	July 2						

Campaign Finance

- Candidate's campaign finance report **MUST** be filed prior to taking office.
- Candidate's position will not be certified until their report is filed.
- Candidates will not be paid until their report is filed.
- All reports must be filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Reference: Miss. Code Ann.
§ 23-15-801 through 23-15-817



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