Municipal Elections

2015 Municipal Elections
Certification Training

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Overview of Training

- Miscellaneous
  - *Federal Compliance*
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  - *Reporting*
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- 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.
- The registrar shall also keep his office open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the Saturday immediately preceding the thirtieth day prior to any regularly scheduled primary or general election.
- 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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Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

- Absentee ballots will be received (and cast) by fax or email.
- The ballots must be prepared 45 days prior to election.
- The ballots must be transmitted 45 days prior to election, if a valid request has been received.
- Military personnel will have until 10 days prior to election to register to vote.
- Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)
- Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

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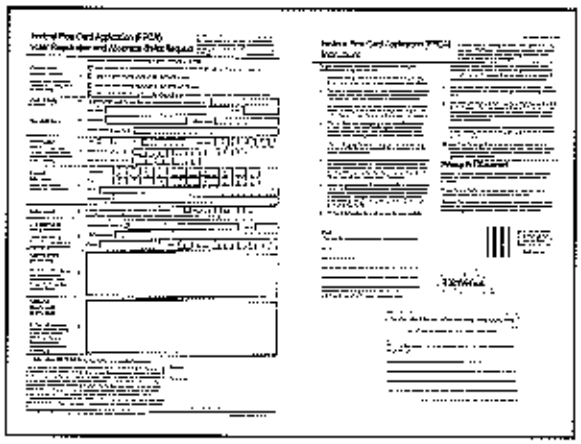

Canvassing Results

- The Municipal Election Commission must "canvass" the results of the election.
- Canvassing requires accepting or rejecting affidavit ballots.
- Canvassing requires verifying the tallying conducted by the poll workers on election day (hand-count jurisdictions).

Reference:

Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-573

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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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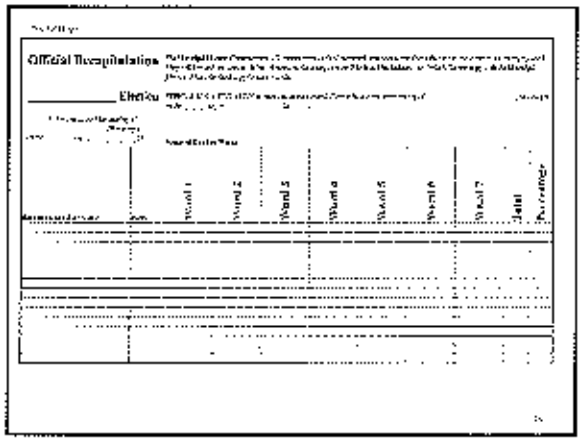

Campaign Finance

- 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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