

Municipal Elections

2014 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.
- 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 (UCAVA)

- 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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