

UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



VOTER REGISTRATION SURVEY

The following form should be completed on-line or in electronic format. Completed forms should be returned to the United States Election Assistance Commission via email to Survey Response@eac.gov on or before March 31, 2005.

Please complete all of the fields below. Specific instructions relative to certain fields are found at the end of this form. If your question or concern is not answered in the instructions section of this form, please contact Brian Hancock at 202-566-3100.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION:		
Name of the responding State: Florida	Date response is submitted: 4/1/05	
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TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
9,302,360
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
N/A

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
10,381,246

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
N/A

5. Total number of registered voters who were determined to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 election through the provisional voting process.
Unknown

6. Were there any voter registration applications received prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the November 2, 2004 election that were not processed in time for the election?

 Yes No

VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICIALS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.
Supervisor of Elections

8. Identify each and every other state or local government office or agency that conducts voter registration including (a) motor vehicle offices, (b) all offices that provide public assistance that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (c) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (d) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (e) all other agencies designated by the State.

 Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (driver license offices), Dept. of Children and Families, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education (Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services), Dept. of Elder Affairs, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Public Libraries, Recruiters, Centers for Independent Living

9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
10. Identify whether voter registration forms are processed by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
11. Total number of election jurisdictions conducting voter registration
67 counties
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
67 counties

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

13. Total number of voter registration applications received from all sources during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
1,367,914
14. Total number of **mail** voter registration applications (including state, federal, and military or overseas forms that are accepted) received during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
272,953
15. Total number of voter registration applications received **in person in the clerk or voter registrars' office** during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
225,127

16. Total number voter registration applications received from each voter registration agency, including (1) motor vehicle offices, (2) all public assistance agencies that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (3) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (4) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (5) all other agencies designated by the State (those identified in response to question 8), during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal general election

Motor Vehicle Offices 776,229

Offices that provide Public Assistance 83,679

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 1,907

Armed Forces recruitment offices 450

Other agencies designated by the State 7,569

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**

N/A

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations

21,088

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)

N/A

20. How are voter registration applications transferred from other voter registration agencies (see question 16) to the official responsible for voter registration? (i.e. email, VPN, tape, disk, mail, fax)

Mail (the applicant must submit an original signature on the application)

21. What, if any, training is provided to employees of voter registration agencies on the voter registration process?

NVRA workshops are provided throughout the State of Florida for supervisors of elections, agencies that are required to offer voter registration under NVRA, and the public.

22. Identify any restrictions on the acceptance of voter registration applications such as paper weight, fax, electronic, mail (for non-NVRA states), batch, third-party delivery, etc.

The original signature of the applicant must be provided on the voter registration application, so an application cannot be accepted electronically or by fax.

23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections

798,861

PROCESSING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

24. How are voter registration applications maintained (e.g., paper or computerized)?

Paper Computerized Other

If Other is selected, please specify the method of maintaining records.

Both methods are used by supervisors to maintain applications (paper and computerized)

25. How does the registration official check for duplicate registrations?

The supervisor of elections uses the Central Voter Database or cancellation letters to check for duplicate registrations.

26. Does your State check for duplicate voter registrations across state lines?

Yes No

27. What type of number is used as a voter registration number (e.g., social security number, unique identifier)? If a unique identifier is used, please identify what method is used for assigning the identified (e.g., random, combination of county number and other number)

- Social Security Number (4 digits) Driver's License Number
 Social Security Number (9 digits) Unique Identifier
 Other

Each county assigns a voter registration identification number. The county supervisor of elections determines the method to be used to assign the number.

28. Are applicants who are rejected notified of the rejection and reason for rejection?

- Yes No

LIST MAINTENANCE:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

29. How many removal notices (Section 8(d)(2) confirmation notices) were sent between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?

753,705

30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?

105,695

31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?

2002- N/A 2003 - 443,301 2004- 128,389

32. How many voters were ultimately removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?

2002- N/A 2003- 712,058 2004- 630,048

33. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of the **death of the voter**?
2002- N/A 2003- 93,479 2004- 97,539
34. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 due to **failure to vote in two consecutive federal general elections**?
2002- N/A 2003- 224,046 2004- 136,428
35. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because the **voter requested to be removed**?
Unknown- included in "Other"
36. How many voters were moved from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of **disqualifying felony convictions**?
2002- N/A 2003- 15,553 2004- 14,227
37. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 for reasons other than those set forth in questions 33 – 36? Please specify the reason for the removal.
2002- N/A 2003- 241,404 2004- 317,999 Supervisors did not specify the reasons to the Division of Elections for voters being removed from the voter rolls.
38. What sources of data are considered in performing list maintenance (e.g., returned election notices, returned jury summons, Postal Service NCOA information, house-to-house canvasses, etc.)?
Each supervisor of elections can use any of the following methods to perform list maintenance: Postal Service NCOA information; information from the Dept. of Health regarding deceased persons; cancellation notices; notices of convicted felons; notices of persons adjudicated
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
List maintenance is performed by the supervisors of elections. Both electronic and manual processes are used by the supervisors.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?
Each county supervisor of elections
41. How does your State treat voters who (a) have been convicted of a felony, (b) are serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony, and (c) are serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony?
- (a) Convicted of a felony
The supervisor is to remove from the registration books the name of any person convicted of a felony.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony
The supervisor is to remove from the registration books the name of any person convicted of a felony.
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony
The supervisor is to remove from the registration books the name of any person convicted of a felony. A person convicted of a felony must contact the Office of Executive Clemency to inquire about the process of having voting rights restored.

NVRA AND HAVA PROVISIONS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

42. Is your State subject to the National Voter Registration Act?
- Yes No
43. Has your State revised its state voter or mail voter registration form to include the citizenship and age questions required by HAVA?
- Yes No
- Age is not requested on the voter registration application, but date of birth is required information to be submitted on the application.
44. How does your State treat applications where one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered?
- The voter registration application is incomplete if all the required information is not provided. When the application is incomplete, the supervisor must request that the applicant supply the missing information in writing and sign a statement that the additional information is true and correct.

45. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question “Are you a citizen of the United States of America?”

The applicant is required to submit information regarding citizenship for the registration to be valid. When the application is incomplete, the supervisor must request that the applicant supply the missing

46. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question “Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?”

Unknown -The applicant is required to submit the date of birth for the registration to be valid. If the application is incomplete, the supervisor must request that the applicant supply the missing information in writing and sign a statement that the additional information is true and correct.

47. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for new mail registrations?

Yes No

48. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for all new registrations?

Yes No

49. How does your State verify voter registration applications (e.g., tracking the return of disposition notices, checks against drivers license and social security administration records, etc.)?

The supervisors of elections can send a voter identification card or disposition notice and track the returns from the post office.

50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?

Yes No

If the answer is no, when will your State implement a statewide voter registration database and what progress has been made toward achieving that implementation?

Florida has a statewide voter registration database, but it is currently not compliant with HAVA. It will be compliant on 1/06.

Does the database or any solicitation for such a database include linking disability and social service agencies to the database in a similar manner as the state department of motor vehicles?

- Yes No

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES:

Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.

51. Does your State allow outside groups to conduct voter registration drives and submit the voter registration applications to the local registration official for processing?

- Yes No

52. How does your State manage the number of applications given to the outside group and the number and timing of the return of those forms by the outside registration group?

Individuals or groups may request up to 10,000 voter registration applications. A charge of 1 cent per application is to be assessed on requests over 10,000.

53. Does your State use serial numbers on voter registration applications given to outside groups and organizations in order to be able to identify which group or organization handled completed applications that are received by State and local officials?

- Yes No

54. Does your State permit agents of outside groups to be paid compensation for registering voters?

- Yes No

If so, may the agent be paid on the basis of the number of voter registrations submitted?

- Yes No

If payment of a voter registration is prohibited, what is the penalty for violating the prohibition?

Any person who gives anything of value is redeemable in cash to any person in consideration for his or her becoming a registered voter commits a felony of the third degree. A person may not solicit or pay another person to solicit voter registrations for compensation that is based upon the number of registrations obtained.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.

55. Are voter registration records public information?

Yes No

56. Are voter registrations available for sale to the public?

Yes No

Instructions:

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. The appropriate answer may be "0", "none", or "N/A". This survey seeks information only from the State level.