

Alabama *Provisional Voting Survey*

Provisional Ballots Cast: 6,478
Provisional Ballots Counted: 1,865
Percent Counted: 28.8%
Percent of Vote: 0.10%

DESIGN

1. Who designs the provisional ballot, the state or county?

The state designs the provisional ballot.

2. Is the entity responsible for designing the provisional ballot designated by statute or rule?

The state Administrative Procedures rule designates the state as responsible for the design.

3. Does Alabama have a provisional ballot that also serves as a voter registration application?

No, but the information from the Provisional Voter Reidentification "Update" Form is added to the list of registered voters.

4. Is Alabama's provisional ballot visually distinguishable from a regular ballot?

Yes, provisional ballots are distinguishable from a regular ballot and are not inadvertently counted by machines at precincts.

AVAILABILITY AND STANDARDS

1. Is there a required number of provisional ballots at polling places?

No, there is not a required number of provisional ballots for each polling place.

2. What do poll workers do if the polling place runs out of provisional ballots?

Not reported

3. Are provisional ballots tracked through distribution to polling sites through counting?

Not reported

COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

1. **Who determines whether or not a provisional ballot is valid?**

The Board of Registrars determines whether or not the provisional ballot is valid.

2. **What is the time frame for counting provisional ballots?**

In the event a voter's ballot becomes a provisional ballot due to lack of identification, such identification must be provided to the Board of Registrars no later than 5:00 PM on the Monday following the election. At Noon, seven days following the election, the appointing Board for poll workers tabulates provisional ballots that have been certified by the Board of Registrars.

3. **What is the process for determining the eligibility of a provisional ballot?**

The Board of Registrars uses "reasonable efforts" to determine whether or not each provisional ballot should be counted.

4. **Who can observe the process?**

N/A

5. **Is a provisional ballot counted if it is cast in the wrong precinct?**

No, a provisional ballot is counted only if cast in the correct precinct.

6. **What information must voters provide on the provisional ballot?**

The voter signs a provisional ballot roster that asks for the voter's name, address, signature, date of birth, and telephone number. To cast a provisional ballot, an individual completes the provisional verification envelope by completing the written sworn statement that he/she is a registered voter in the county and resides within the geographical boundaries of the precinct. The sworn statement, signed by the provisional voter in the presence of the provisional ballot officer, shall include the voter's name, current residential and mailing address, telephone number, date of birth, that the voter is registered in the county and resides in the precinct, that the individual has not voted and shall not vote in another precinct or by absentee ballot during this election, that the voter understands that any person who falsely signs and verifies this form shall be guilty of perjury and subject to prosecution.

7. **May a voter remedy a provisional ballot that may be rejected?**

No.

8. What can voters do if they failed to bring ID to the polls?

The voter must provide the Board of Registrars with a copy of his/her identification in person.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

1. What is the state's Free Notification System to inform voters whether their provisional ballot was counted?

Voters can check to see if their provisional ballot was counted on the secretary of state website www.sos.state.al.us.

2. Who administers the Free Notification System?

The state administers the notification system.

3. What is the timeline for posting information to the Free Notification System?

N/A