

Provisional Ballot Survey

Louisiana

Provisional Ballots Cast: 5,880
Provisional Ballots Counted: 2,312
Percent Counted: 39.3%
Percent of Vote: 0.12%

DESIGN

Who designs the provisional ballot, the state or county?

The state designs the provisional ballots.

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

Designs are designated to the state by rule and statute.

Does Louisiana have a provisional ballot that also serves as a voter registration application?

No, Louisiana does not use a combined voter registration application/provisional ballot.

Is Louisiana'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

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

Yes, there is a required number of provisional ballots per polling place. The number is determined by the type of election (presidential, presidential primary, or congressional) and voting statistics particular to the given parish. The state issues a chart with these calculations.

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

Contact the Clerk of Court or the Registrar of Voters.

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

Yes, provisional ballots are individually numbered for tracking.

COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Who determines whether or not a provisional ballot is valid?

State law designates the County Registrar of Voters as responsible for determining the validity of each provisional ballot.

What is the time frame for counting provisional ballots?

State law requires that the determinations must be made by the third day after the election.

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

The ROV checks the statewide voter registration system, the motor vehicle registry, and the Social Security Administration registry to determine each voter's eligibility.

Who can observe the process?

Candidates, their representatives, and qualified electors can observe the process.

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

Yes, a provisional ballot may be counted if cast in the wrong precinct, but in the right county and the right congressional district. Provisional ballots are for federal races only.

What information must voters provide on the provisional ballot?

The voter must provide their name, address, ward or precinct, date of birth, the last four digits of their social security number, their driver's license number, their mother's maiden name, and their political party affiliation.

May a voter remedy a provisional ballot that may be rejected?

No, voters do not have the opportunity to remedy provisional ballots after they have been cast.

If voters remedy a flawed provisional ballot, how are they notified of this opportunity?

Voters do not have the opportunity to remedy provisional ballots after they have been cast.

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

A voter does not have the opportunity to provide identification after casting his ballot.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

Provisional voters may call a toll-free number.

Who administers the Free Notification System?

The state administers the notification system.

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

Not reported.