

Provisional Ballot Survey

Wisconsin

Provisional Ballots Cast: 95
Provisional Ballots Counted: 24
Percent Counted: 25.3%
Percent of Vote: 0.01%

PLEASE NOTE: Wisconsin has Election Day registration. Only first-time registrants who fail to bring ID are directed to cast a provisional ballot. Poll workers have municipal-wide lists, so voters at the incorrect precinct would be directed to their home precinct, not given a provisional ballot.

DESIGN

Who designs the provisional ballot, the state or county?

The state designs the provisional ballot.

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

Not reported.

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

The actual form is not a combined form. Wisconsin has Election Day registration, so voters would be directed to fill out a registration form. Only first-time registrants who fail to bring ID are directed to complete provisional ballots.

Is Wisconsin's provisional ballot visually distinguishable from a regular ballot?

Provisional ballots are regular ballots put into provisional ballot envelopes. While they could be counted by regular voting machines, the process does not allow them to enter the machine. Provisional ballots are number, so they can be retrieved if inadvertently put into a machine. Regular voting machines will change to an electronic method in April 2006.

AVAILABILITY AND STANDARDS

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

There are checks for materials three times throughout Election Day. There is a procedure for making duplicate ballots if the polling place manages to run out. The ballot used for Provisional Voting is the same ballot every voter receives.

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

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

Yes, provisional ballots are given unique tracking numbers.

COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Who determines whether or not a provisional ballot is valid?

To have a provisional ballot counted, the voter just needs to bring ID in before ballots are counted. The Election Commission makes the final determination.

What is the time frame for counting provisional ballots?

The voter must bring in identification by 4 pm the day after Election Day.

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

The only voters who can cast provisional ballots are those who are first-time registrants who registered by mail and failed to provide the required proof of residence and are not able to provide a state issued ID or ID number for verification. The voter can bring in ID before deadline, and the vote is counted.

Who can observe the process?

Not applicable.

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

No. A provisional ballot would not be issued if the voter was in the wrong precinct. They would be directed to the correct precinct.

What information must voters provide on the provisional ballot?

The voter must provide their name and address and sign a statement.

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

The voter must bring their ID to the municipal clerk before 4 pm the day after Election Day.

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

Voters are notified at the polling place.

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

The voter must bring his ID to the municipal clerk by 4 pm the day after Election Day.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

Wisconsin provides a 1-800 number.

Who administers the Free Notification System?

The state provides the phone number, while municipalities and counties provide the data.

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

The information is available two days after the election.