

Michigan Bureau of Elections

# Early Voting Procedures Virtual Training

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# Opening and Closing: Early Voting

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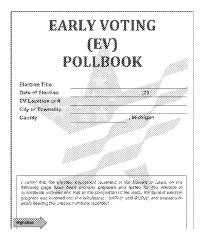
## **Early Voting Opening Polls**

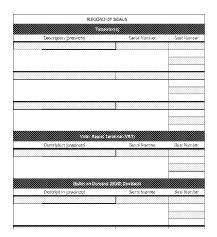
#### **General Opening Procedures:**

- All election inspectors take and sign the constitutional oath. This is repeated each day for all inspectors.
- · Set up the early voting site:
  - · Display an American flag inside or outside.
  - · Post all required signage and voter information posters.
  - · Define 100-foot area to prohibit campaigning.
  - Place traffic flow signs/arrows and "vote here" signs.
  - Establish an area separate from the voting area in the public portion of the room to allow for poll watchers.
  - Position voting stations, tabulator, and voter assist terminal in voting area in a manner to ensure ballot secrecy but allow for a clear and barrier-free layout



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#### Preparing the Tabulator on Day 1 of early voting:

- Refer to specific vendor instructions to start tabulator
- Confirm Chain of Custody: inspect tabulator serial number and memory seal to confirm match against serial and seal numbers recorded on the physical poll book Record of Seals established at testing.
- Inspect the tabulator ballot bin (including auxiliary bin) to confirm empty.
- Print Zero tape
- Two workers verify date and time are correct on the zero tape
- Day 1 Inspectors present at opening sign the zero tape
- · Detach zero tape from tabulator and secure in physical pollbook



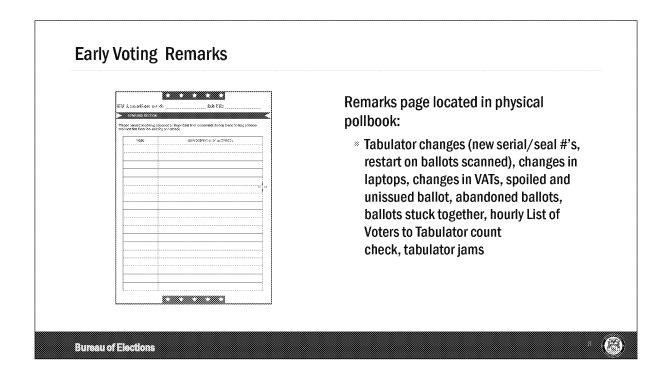
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## Early Voting Opening Polls—Day 2-9

#### Preparing the Tabulator on Day 2-9 of early voting:

- · Refer to specific vendor instructions to start tabulator
- Confirm Chain of Custody: inspect tabulator serial number and memory seal to confirm match against serial and seal numbers recorded on the physical poll book Record of Seals established at testing.
- Inspect the tabulator ballot bin (including auxiliary bin) to confirm empty.
- · Print a status tape
- Two workers verify date and time are correct on the status tape and verify # of ballots cast=public counter=previous day's closing status/suspend/interrupt tape
- Day 2-9 Inspectors present at opening sign the status tape
- · Detach status tape from tabulator and secure in physical pollbook





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## Early Voting Closing the Polls-Day 1-9

#### Closing the Polls Procedure Overview:

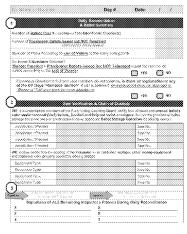
- Announce the close of polls at close of early voting hours for the day; all eligible voters in line at the close of polls can still vote
- Check Auxiliary Bin for any ballots unable to be tabulated earlier in the day, Duplicate any ballots requiring duplication for tabulation using two election inspectors of differing political parties
- Tabulate all remaining ballots; Check for Balance between List of Voters and Total number of ballots tabulated
- <u>Execute End of Day Tabulator Status/Suspend/Interrupt Reports</u> on the tabulator and secure in physical pollbook
- Complete Daily Reconciliation Summary
- · Print EV ePollbook List of Voters reports
- Complete <u>Seal Verification/Chain of Custody documentation</u>; signed by all election inspectors present at close
- · Seal approved ballot containers
- · Secure all election equipment and materials in a limited access, locked room, closet or cabinet.



## Early Voting Closing the Polls-Day 1-9

- Enter Total Number of Ballots Cast on Tabulator Public Counter
- Enter Number Provisional Envelope Ballots (if any)
- Enter Total Number of Voters for EV
  Site
- Secure Tabulator Status/Suspend/Interrupt tape in pollbook







## Early Voting Closing the Polls Day 1-9

#### Securing Ballots and Physical Pollbooks and Supplies:

At the conclusion of each day of early voting, the approved ballot container should be sealed with specific items inside:

- All voted ballots (including VAT)
- "SPOILED BALLOT" envelope
- •"ORIGINAL" ballot envelope

Note: Any unvoted ballot stock along with physical pollbook may be placed in a box under red paper seal and secured in the locked early voting site/supply closet.

**Option 1:** Separate approved ballot container for each day of early voting. Seal number recorded in pollbook.

**Option 2:** Single approved ballot container used throughout early voting. Seal number recorded in pollbook each night, verify previous day's seal, seal is dropped into container, new seal affixed and recorded in pollbook, voted ballots should be sorted by day.

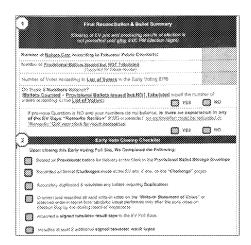


## **Early Voting Final Closing - Election Night**

#### Final EV Site Closing

Completed EV Closing Inspectors after 8 pm Election Night:

- · Print 3 Totals Tapes from each EV tabulator
- · Accumulate Write-ins
- Complete Final Reconciliation & Ballot Summary
- Assemble Statement of Votes Envelopes for County Clerk, Board of County Canvassers, Local Clerk (EV Coordinator/host): 1 Totals Tape, Write-in Statement of Votes, Copy of Final Reconciliation & Ballot Summary





## **Early Voting Final Close: Write-In Accumulation**

#### Write-in statement of votes

- Tally of write-in votes will be performed by closing board of inspectors after the close of polls on Election Day.
- Tallies will be taken using the write-in image report from the tabulator tape printed by the closing board of inspectors after the close of polls on Election Day or if no images are available, election inspectors should be instructed to securely isolate ballots with write-ins each day of early voting for review by closing board.

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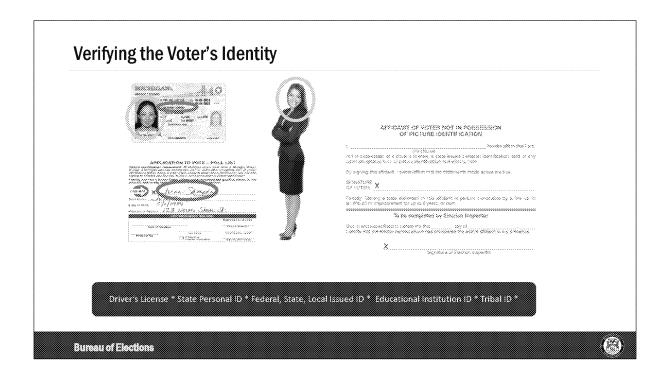
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The Basics: Applied for Early Voting and Election Day Updated Procedures

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All voters must be asked to show picture ID

Check picture ID to verify identity of the voter and that the name matches Application to Vote, no address verification required in this step.

If picture ID leaves voter's identity in question – issue an envelope ballot

If using a Michigan Driver's License or State Identification Card for photo verification, it can be expired. All other picture IDs must be current.

#### State ID Requirements

All voters must be asked to show picture ID

If no ID, voters must sign Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture ID

If voter acknowledges they have picture ID and refuses to show, do not issue ballot

If voter does not possess picture ID and refuses to sign affidavit, do not issue ballot

Check ID to verify identity of the voter and that name matches Application to Vote

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### Processing Voters - AV Voters at EV Site and Election Day

If the voter **has not returned** their ballot, their voter details in EPB will indicate "AV sent". Before issuing a precinct ballot, consider the following:

#### If the voter possesses their absent voter ballot:

- The voter may wish to tabulate their AV ballot, direct them to complete an Application
  to Vote. Ask the voter to carefully expose their ballot number on the ballot stub. Verify
  ballot number against EPB. Once ballot is verified, provide the voter with secrecy
  sleeve and direct to a voting booth and onto tabulator.
- 2. If the voter does not wish to tabulate their AV ballot or the ballot number cannot be verified, instruct the voter to surrender their absentee ballot. Write "surrendered" on the envelope. Store in local clerk envelope do not process!
- 3. Proceed to issue the voter a regular precinct ballot.



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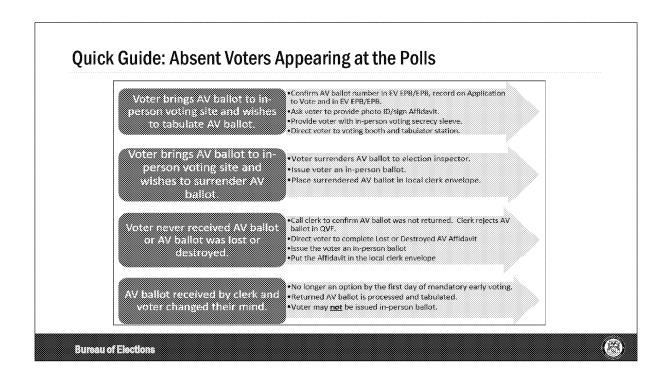
#### If the voter does not possess their absent voter ballot and they are attempting to vote at an early vote site:

- 1. Direct the voter sign Affidavit of Lost or Destroyed AV ballot.
- Proceed to issue the voter a regular precinct ballot. The secure real-time connection between the Early Voting EPB and the QVF will automatically reject the voter's AV ballot and the clerk will be unable to check in and process an AV ballot for that voter should it be returned at a later date because the voter has already voted at an early vote site.

#### If the voter does not possess their absent voter ballot and they are attempting to vote at their Election Day precinct:

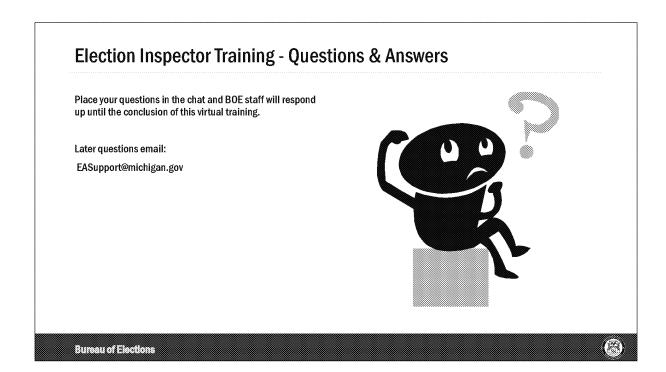
- 1. Call the clerk to confirm the absentee ballot was not returned.
- 2. Direct the voter to sign Affidavit of Lost or Destroyed AV Ballot and issue the voter a regular precinct ballot.
- \*\*If a voter has already returned their absentee ballot their voter details in the ePollbook will indicate "AV sent/received". The voter has voted and cannot be issued a ballot in the polling place.





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