

WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

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2 Weeks Until Election Day!

On Tuesday, October 23, there will be exactly 2 weeks until the November 6 General Election!

Voter Registration Totals From SVRS

County	Democrat	Republican	Mountain	No Party Affiliation	Other	Total
BARBOUR	4602	3394	6	1479	164	9645
BERKELEY	23188	24378	139	19755	345	67805
BOONE	14450	2142	8	1851	514	18965
BRAXTON	5997	1570	5	1112	53	8737
BROOKE	10704	3878	10	3059	195	17846
CABELL	31167	19394	78	10413	584	61636
CALHOUN	3386	1211	8	875	175	5655
CLAY	4413	1271	3	649	241	6577
DODDRIDGE	1153	2707	9	827	160	4856
FAYETTE	17203	5015	40	4473	137	26868
GILMER	3140	917	8	513	212	4790
GRANT	1268	5268	4	1535	33	8108
GREENBRIER	13582	6894	17	3925	1187	25605
HAMPSHIRE	5622	4846	27	2937	988	14420
HANCOCK	13430	6003	11	3924	236	23604
HARDY	4629	2220	8	1915	21	8793
HARRISON	23475	12326	43	8316	128	44288
JACKSON	8737	8704	30	3855	314	21640

JEFFERSON	13446	10316	81	10897	834	35574
KANAWHA	69650	37869	178	25269	1725	134691
LEWIS	4274	3341	11	1497	47	9170
LINCOLN	13073	2997	7	2191	222	18490
LOGAN	20480	2494	12	1815	708	25509
MARION	25335	9316	35	5397	1983	42066
MARSHALL	11092	6231	22	4255	465	22065
MASON	9823	6178	16	2619	329	18965
MCDOWELL	12119	1356	9	1951	550	15985
MERCER	20565	9996	63	8201	736	39561
MINERAL	6064	7464	11	3774	184	17497
MINGO	17711	1865	5	1537	520	21638
MONONGALIA	27639	16443	93	12743	790	57708
MONROE	4874	3357	6	1676	64	9977
MORGAN	3430	5035	48	2988	301	11802
NICHOLAS	9806	3852	29	2510	402	16599
OHIO	15667	10153	33	5138	2276	33267
PENDLETON	2858	1576	5	914	239	5592
PLEASANTS	2548	1617	0	867	186	5218
POCAHONTAS	2632	1384	7	1108	15	5146
PRESTON	7623	8251	16	3517	187	19594
PUTNAM	15023	15026	35	6058	564	36706
RALEIGH	29291	15249	43	10709	362	55654
RANDOLPH	10700	4132	21	2937	625	18415
RITCHIE	1989	3734	5	1239	154	7121
ROANE	4371	3393	20	2208	21	10013
SUMMERS	5961	1775	13	1317	179	9245
TAYLOR	5180	3308	4	1531	486	10509
TUCKER	2664	1503	8	708	406	5289
TYLER	2096	2948	5	1043	73	6165
UPSHUR	4627	6793	10	2699	34	14163
WAYNE	19572	7219	11	3029	502	30333
WEBSTER	4574	727	7	360	583	6251
WETZEL	8078	2737	9	1610	326	12760
WIRT	2070	1473	6	734	67	4350
WOOD	20931	21839	36	11791	465	55062
WYOMING	12550	3570	11	1766	674	18571
Total	640532	358655	1385	222016	23971	1246559
	51.38%	28.77%	0.11%	17.81%	1.92%	

Voter Registration and Early Voting Interactive Map

Now on the Secretary of State's website you can find an interactive map that shows voter registration totals broken down by party and by county.

The map can be found here:

http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/history/Pages/Voter_Registration.aspx.

You can click on your county and see the totals, and also do some research on the voter registration numbers going as far back as November of 2002.

There is also a state map of Early Voting and absentee ballots returned here:

http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/history/Pages/Early_Absentee_Voting_Totals.aspx.

This website is very handy, and should also help with media inquiries as they increase ahead of the election. You can direct reporters here, and also inform them that they can export the data into an Excel spreadsheet.

Important Message from FVAP

This is from an email sent to election officials from Paddy McGuire, the Deputy Director for Election Official Assistance with FVAP:

"On Friday, a transport aircraft crashed at Shindand Air Base in Afghanistan and was destroyed along with 4,700 pounds of mail inbound to Afghanistan.

We do not know if there were any ballots in the destroyed mail, but all of the mail was bound for the zip code 09382 (Shindand, Farah, and Camp Stone (also known as Herat)).

If you have sent any ballots to the zip code 09382, we recommend you attempt to contact the voter and resend a new ballot, as the first ballot may have been destroyed in the crash and fire.

Voting Assistance Officers will be informing Service members in the area impacted by this incident to submit a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

Thank you for all that you do for military and overseas voters. If you have any questions, call us toll-free at 800-438-8683 or send an email to vote@fvap.gov."

Daylight Savings Time in iVotronic Machines

This is from an email from ES&S and Casto+Harris about daylight savings time in iVotronic machines:

*"Counties using iVo's need to adjust the clock on their machines when testing due to daylight savings time. In years previous, DST didn't occur until AFTER the general election, so we didn't need to be concerned with it. This November, however, DST (November 4th) occurs two days prior to the Election (November 6th); thus, we will gain an hour and "fall back" on Sunday, November 4th. Therefore, if counties don't set the time back an hour (i.e. 10:00 am when it's really 11:00 am) when pre-testing their iVo's in October, then pollworkers will be prompted to "close the polls" starting at 6:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm. **That also means that the machines will think it's 6:30AM when it is really only 5:30AM.***

*The DST box in the *setup & configuration* settings should remained unchecked or without an "X" since the 9.1.6.2 firmware does not have the new DST dates which changed in 2007."*

REMEMBER: You SHOULD adjust for DST in your Election Day machines, but NOT in your Early Voting machines!

Important Dates Coming Up

- **Vacancy on the ballot occurring October 16 – November 1, 2012:** Write-in filing by November 1, 2012: Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline in Case of Death or Disqualification of Candidate (Vacancy occurs no earlier than the twenty-first day and no later than the fifth day before the general election, the certificate shall be received no later than the close of business on the fifth day before the election, or the close of business on the day following the occurrence of the vacancy, whichever is later.)
 - o Write-in candidate files certificate of announcement to become certified write-in candidate in case of death of nominee or death of incumbent in office excluding certain federal, statewide and judicial offices not on ballot. (§ 3-6-4a(c)(3))
- **October 22-26:** Pre-General Financial Reports Due (Fifteen days or within 4 business days thereafter preceding general election)
 - o Candidates, agents, treasurers and persons making independent expenditures file with the Secretary of State or clerk of the county commission a detailed itemized statement setting forth all financial transactions subsequent to last report. All legislative candidates file campaign finance forms with Secretary of State's office regardless of district. (§ 3-8-5, 3-8-5a, CSR 146-3-8)
- **October 22 - November 5:** "Last Minute" Independent Expenditures Reported (Expenditure made on or after the fifteenth day but more than twelve hours before the day of any election - report must be received within 24 hours after the expenditure is made)
 - o Independent expenditures in the amount of \$1,000 or more for statewide, legislative or multi-county offices or in the amount of \$500 or more for county, single-county or municipal offices which are made must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State or the clerk of the county commission. (§ 3-8-2)
- **October 24 – November 3:** Early Voting in Person Conducted (New language beginning on the thirteenth day and continuing through the Saturday before the Tuesday general election)
 - o Voter may vote an early ballot at the county clerk's office during normal business hours; additionally, early voting must be conducted between 9 a.m. and 5p.m. on the last two Saturdays before the primary election. (§3-3-3)
- **October 29:** Publish Notice of Inspection of AutoMark for Election Day (Not later than 3 days prior to the date of inspection. Inspection shall be not less than 5 days prior to election.)
 - o Clerk of the county commission places a Class I-0 legal advertisement announcing the time and place of inspection of AutoMark. (§ 3-4A-13)

- **October 30 - November 5:** Instructional Program Make-Up Session (Within last seven days before election)
 - o County clerk conducts make-up session for poll workers unable to attend regular session. (§ 3-1-46(c), 3-4-13, 3-4A-14)
- **October 30:** Notification of Ballots and AutoMark Readiness for Election Day
 - o (Not later than 7 days before the election) County clerk shall notify the county commission that the ballots and AutoMark are ready for use. (3-4A-13)
- **October 30 - November 5:** Publish Official List of Candidates or Sample Ballot for Election Day (On the last day on which a newspaper is published immediately preceding the general election)
 - o Ballot commissioners publish the official list of candidates and issues as follows: (1) for counties in which two or more qualified newspapers publish a daily newspaper, publish a Class I-O legal advertisement in the two qualified daily newspapers of different political parties within the county having the largest circulation; (2) for counties having no more than one daily newspaper, or having only one or more qualified weekly newspapers, publish sample as Class I legal advertisement in qualified newspapers having largest circulation. Counties may choose to publish the facsimile ballot for a second time instead of the official list. (§ 3-6-3, 59-3-1 et seq.)
- **October 30:** Public Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment (ERM) for Election Day (Ivo, 650, M-100) (In counties using automatic tabulating, one week prior to the start of the count of the votes)
 - o County commission in counties with automatic tabulating equipment and immediately send certified copy of program deck or disk to State Election Commission. Public notice given no more than two weeks and not less than 48 hours before test by publication of Class I-O legal advertisement. (§ 3-4A-26, 59-3-1 et. seq.)
- **October 30 - Noon, November 6:** Request Emergency Medical Absentee Ballot (No earlier than the seventh day preceding the election and no later than noon of election day)
 - o Period in which an eligible person (a member of said voter's immediate family or hospital personnel) may request an emergency absent voter ballot. Eligible persons include: (1) a voter who, on election day, is in the hospital or other duly licensed health care facility within the county of their residence (or, provided the county commission has adopted an extension of service, to a health care facility in an adjacent county or within 35 miles of the county seat); or (2) a voter who resides no more than 30 days in a nursing home within the county, provided the county commission has adopted an extension of service to those facilities. (§ 3-3-1(c)(2), 3-3-5c(d))
- **October 31 (Deadline):** Deadline for Absentee by Mail Application (Not later than the sixth day preceding the election)
 - o Last day to receive application for absentee ballot by mail. Ballot shall be mailed no later than following day. (§ 3-3-5(b)(1))

- **November 1:** Public Inspection of Vote Recording Devices and Ballots AutoMark for Election Day (Five days before the election)
 - o County commissioners and ballot commissioners convene to inspect the devices and the ballots to determine if all applicable provisions of law are met. (3-4A-13)

Have an idea?

Is there something that you want to see addressed in the Election Connection? The goal of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date about challenges facing election officials in West Virginia and to inform everyone about best practices that are being put into place. If you have an idea for a topic, have a question, or if you think there is a subject that election officials around the state would be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's Office. You can contact the Elections Division by email at elections@wvsos.com or (304) 558-6000 or Jake Glance directly at jglance@wvsos.com. Your input is appreciated.