Welcome to Travis County Elections
Acceptance and Handling of Voter Identification

November 5, 2013
Joint General and Special Elections
Training Mandate

• Texas Secretary of State has mandated a training for the Acceptance and Handling of Voter Identification
  – All Early Voting and Election Day Workers must attend
  – Election Day Clerks will take the training online
Notice of Approved Forms of ID

This new posting must be placed near the entrance to the polling place so it is visible to voters as they enter.
Approved Forms of ID

- Texas Driver’s License
- Texas Personal Identification Card
- Texas Election Identification Certificate
- Texas Concealed Handgun License
- U.S. Military Identification card containing a photograph
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing a photograph
- U.S. Passport
Texas Driver’s License

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Look at the expiration date and verify
Texas Personal Identification Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Look at the expiration date and verify
When issued to a person 60 or older, no expiration
Election Identification Certificate

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Look at the expiration date and verify
When issued to a person 70 or older, no expiration
Texas Concealed Handgun License

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Look at the expiration date and verify
U.S. Military Identification Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Look at the expiration date and verify

There are different types of Military Identification Cards
U.S. Military Identification Cards

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Some Military IDs do not expire (INDEF)
U.S. Citizenship Certificate

U.S. Citizenship Certificates do not expire
U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

U.S. Certificates of Naturalization do not expire
U.S. Passport

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired
U.S. Passport Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired

Good for travel in North America only
Voter has NO Approved ID

• Offer him a choice:
  – Return home and get an approved form of ID
  – Go renew your expired ID
    • Temporary forms are valid
  – Vote a Provisional Ballot

• Never turn a voter away, but explain the options
Voter Casts Provisional Ballot

• Explain the process for curing an ID deficiency

• Use the Notice to Provisional Voter
  • Contains a list of Approved Forms of ID
  • Explains the process for curing an ID deficiency at the Voter Registrar’s Office
  • Explains Exemptions for which voters can apply
  • Contains a map to the Voter Registrar’s Office
  • Contains a QR Code that, when scanned, takes voter’s to the Tax Office Website
What does “Cure” mean?

- Cure = opportunity to fix the problem
- Curing makes your Provisional Vote count
- If you lacked an approved form of ID at the time the ballot was cast, you can remedy to problem
  - If you had no ID, you can get one
  - If you had an expired ID, you can renew
  - You can file for an exemption
When & Where to Cure

- Can be cured anytime after the ballot is cast
  - Starting on the first day of Early Voting up to 6 days after Election Day
  - Must cure in person at the Voter Registrar’s Office
    - On regular business days
    - During normal business hours
## Cure Period Calendar

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VR Office Open

VR Office Closed

VR Office Closed on Veterans Day Monday, November 11th
Cure period extends one more day for this election
How can Voter Cure?

• Obtain an approved form of ID
  – A temporary version of a Driver’s License, Personal ID Card or any other approved form of ID is acceptable if it has a photo

• Renew an expired ID

• File for an Exemption
  – Permanent Exemptions
  – Temporary Exemptions
Permanent Exemptions

• Voter must apply for a permanent exemption

• Eligibility
  – A person with a documented disability from the Social Security Administration
  – A person with at least a 50% disability rating from the Veterans Administration
Permanent Exemptions

• Once the application and supporting documentation is received
  – Voter Registrar issues a Voter Registration Certificate indicating the voter is exempt from the photo ID requirement
  – Voter must show this certificate to be exempt from the photo ID requirement
Permanent Exemptions
Temporary Exemptions

• Religious Objection to being photographed
  – Must file for the exemption every election

• Lack of an approved ID due to a natural disaster
  – Declared by the President of the United States or Texas Governor
  – Declared no earlier than 45 days from date ballot was cast
Exemptions Cure the ballot

• Provisional Ballot is cured (for lack of ID) when the voter files for and is granted an exemption
  – Requires an affidavit
  – Can’t be completed or turned in at the polls
  – Voter must visit the Voter Registrar’s Office in person
Other Voter ID Requirements

• New Voter ID Law says:
  – Voter’s name on his ID must exactly match the name on the Official List of Registered Voters or be Substantially Similar

• If voter’s name is similar, he initials an affidavit column on the Combo Form

• Voter gets a regular ballot

• Offer a name change form, if desired

• This process is easy
Substantially Similar Names

The name is considered to be substantially similar if:

- Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP
- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
  - Bill for William, Betty for Elizabeth
Substantially Similar Names, contd.

- Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP

- A first name, middle name or former name occupies a different field on the ID than it does in EZVIP
Consider Totality of Circumstances

• Always consider the totality of all circumstances together
• Consider all the information available
  – Photograph
  – Date of Birth
  – Address
Photographs

• Using the photo is a tool to assist in determining similar names
• Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
• Not to be used to disenfranchise anyone or force a Provisional vote
  – People get haircuts, lose weight, gain weight, age, change gender, change hair color, grow/shave a beard, etc.
  – Picture is good for 12 years
Date of Birth

- Good indicator that the voter is the same person even though the name is not an exact match
  - Birth Dates don’t change
  - Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
  - When names don’t match at all, date of birth can’t be the sole determining factor
Address

- Address on the ID matches EZVIP
  - Good indicator voter is the same person
  - Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
  - When names don’t match, address can’t be the only determining factor
Let’s practice!

• Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP

Dorris Miller-----Doris Miller
Nanci Griffith-----Nancy Griffith
Harlen Block-----Harlon Block
Let’s practice!

- Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP

Doris Miller------Doris Milner
Nancy Griffith------Nancy Griffin
Harlen Block------Harlen Blick
Let’s practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
  - Well known variations

  Betty Rubble-----Elizabeth Rubble
  Fred Flintstone-----Frederick Flintstone
  Bill-----William
  Marge-----Marjorie
Let’s practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
  - Lesser known variations

  Hope----Esperanza
  Beto-----Alberto
  Chuy-----Jesus
  Bubba-----Just about any name 😊
Let’s practice!

• Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
  English vs. Spanish vs. French
  (or other language spellings)
  John-----Juan-----Jean
  Joseph-----Jose-----Josef
Let’s Practice!

• Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name

Maria Graciela Gerbermann--Gracie Gerbermann
Maria Isolda Ortega--Marisol Ortega
Maria Jose Gonzalez--Jose Gonzalez
Let’s practice!

- Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP
  - Audie Murphy-----Audie L. Murphy
  - Earl Campbell-----Earl C. Campbell
  - Willie Hugh Nelson-----Willie Nelson
  - Beyonce Knowles-----Beyonce Knowles-Carter
Let’s practice!

• Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP
• Maiden Names, Hyphenated Names, Former Names

Wolf Sittler-----Wolf Sittler-Bell
Charlotte Bell-----Charlotte Bell-Sittler
Let’s practice!

• A first name, middle name or former name occupies a different field on the ID than it does in EZVIP

• A. Martin Burton-----Martin A. Burton
• Steven Robert Hoffman--Robert Steven Hoffman
• Jeanne Mae Fox--Jeanne Fox Buck
• Daniel Craig Mason—Craig Daniel Mason
Processing a similar name voter

• Laptop Operator will handwritten a capital “A” on the voter’s large label
  – To communicate to the Combo Form worker that affidavit columns must be completed

213A
1130976557  
X, MISTER
If Name is Similar

Ask voter to sign the Combo Form and initial the column

Combo Form Worker checks the Similar Name Affidavit Column

Place label on Combo Form
Similar Name Correction Request Form

• If voter wants his name in EZVIP to exactly match his approved form of ID
• Offer a Similar Name Correction Request Form
  – If voter wishes to complete it, use the reprint button to generate a second label from the printer to affix to the form
  – Ask the voter to complete and return the form after he votes
Similar Name Correction Request Form

VOTER’S SIMILAR NAME CORRECTION REQUEST FORM
(Forma para Solicitar Corrección del Nombre del Votante)

The name on my voter registration record and the name on my photo ID are not identical.
(El nombre en mi registro de votante y el nombre en mi identificación con foto no son idénticos.)

Please update my current voter registration record from:
(Por favor actualice mis datos del registro de votante con)

PLACE VOTER LABEL HERE or WRITE NAME & VUID

To the following, which is shown on my photo identification:
(Lo siguiente, igual como aparece en mi identificación de foto)

First Name: ___________________________ Middle Name or Initial: ________________
(Nombre) (Segundo nombre o inicial)

Last Name: ___________________________ Suffix, if any: _______________________
(Apellido) (Sufijo)

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________________
(Firma) (Fecha)

RETURN IN ENVELOPE No. 4
Name Corrections

• The Voter Registrar will make corrections
• Voter’s registration record will match for the next election
• Voter won’t have to initial column on the Combo Form again
What if Names are NOT Similar?

• If voter’s name and other information don’t yield a match
  • Ask the voter if he has an ID that is similar to EZVIP
  • If not, offer the voter a Provisional Ballot
    – Explain the cure period detailed on the Notice to Provisional Voter
    – Follow all the procedures in the manual for processing a Provisional Voter
Voter Outreach

• Campaigns to notify voters
  – KeepCalmVoteOn.com
  – VoteTexas.gov
  – Voter Registration Certificates have voter ID information on the back