Poll Worker Training 103

FORMS, HOW AND WHEN TO USE THEM

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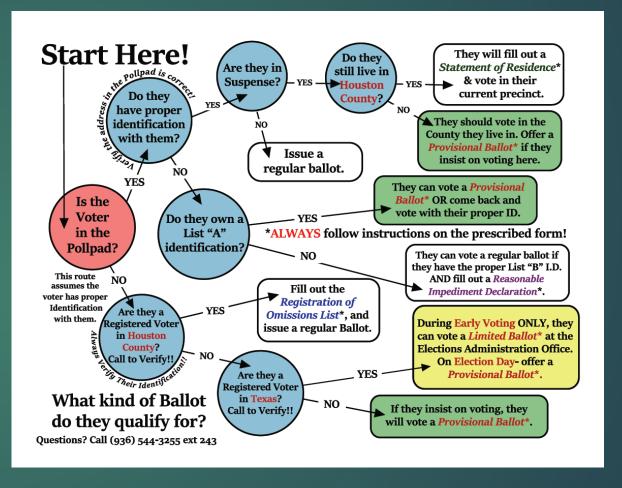
The goal of the Houston County Elections Department is to provide you with the training necessary to feel confident while working the polls. To do this we are always trying to come up with innovative tools to assist with that goal.

Our Decision Tree is one of those tools.

To ensure the integrity of each election, all election workers must be thorough, accurate, and attentive to the details involved in processing voters. To do this you must have a good grasp on all of the forms available to you, what they are used for and how to use them.

In this lesson we will be reviewing each of the forms mentioned on our Decision Tree, including:

- Statement of Residence
- Provisional Ballot Affidavit
- Reasonable Impediment Declaration
- Registration of Omission's List
- Limited Ballot



STATEMENT OF RESIDENCE- Change of Address

When checking in a voter on the Poll Pad you will first scan their acceptable ID.

It is important to remember you should not compare the address on any ID to the address in the Poll Pad.

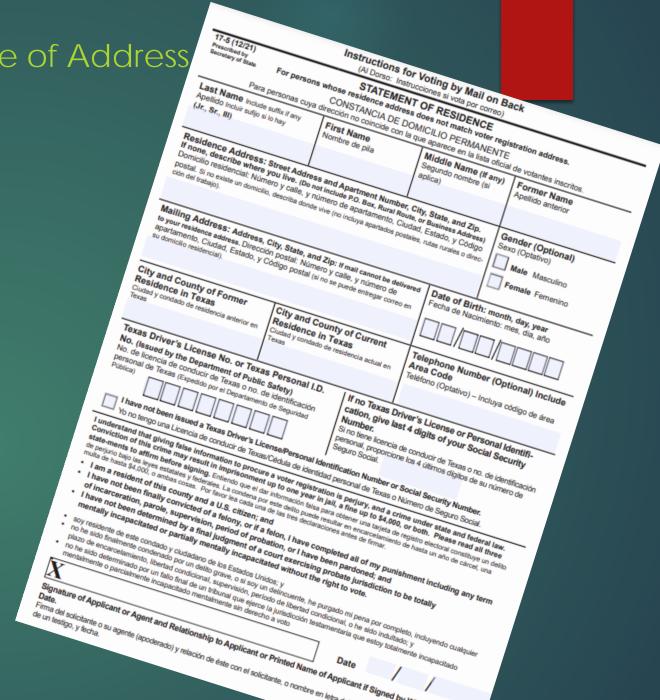
They DO NOT have to match.

However, you are required to confirm with the voter that the address on the list of registered voters is correct. (§63.0011)

You can do that by asking the voter "Do you still live on Main Street?"

Or by turning the Poll Pad towards the voter and asking "Can you confirm this address is still correct?"

If it is not, then you will have the voter update their registration record using a Statement of Residence.



STATEMENT OF RESIDENCE- Suspense Voter

Occasionally you will come across a Voter whose registration has been placed in Suspense.

This can happen for several reasons, some examples are;

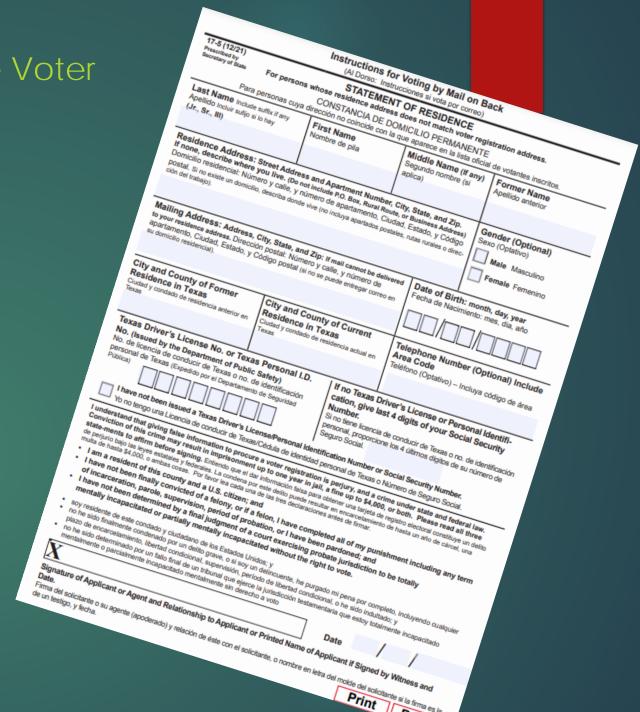
- ► The Voter Registrar had mail returned to them after trying to contact the voter.
- There is an error with the address in our system.
- Their address is incomplete.

Before allowing the voter to vote have them fill out a Statement of Residence.

Always confirm that their residence is still in Houston County.

If not, they should be guided to voting in their current county of residence.

If they insist on voting in Houston County they must vote a Provisional ballot.



In 2002, the Help America Vote Act required that provisional ballots be offered to:

- Any voter that declares that they are a registered and eligible voter of the precinct in which they are appearing; and
- 2. Any voter whose eligibility is called into question by an election official, e.g. shown to have voted early by mail. Provisional Ballot is issued when a voter is not eligible to vote a Regular Ballot.

52 U.S.C. § 21082

Texas law echoes the Federal requirements, but also adds that a voter may vote provisionally if they do not have the required photo identification. Tex. Elec. Code § 63.011





If a voter is not eligible to vote a regular ballot, a Provisional Ballot MUST BE OFFERED.

The voter's record will be reviewed by the Ballot Board and only the Ballot Board can determine if the ballot will be counted.

If no Photo ID (List A or B) was presented, the voter must appear with-in 6 days AFTER Election Day to present Photo ID or exemptions.

Provisional Ballots are available during Early Voting & on Election Day at all polling locations in the county.

Why are provisional ballots important? By casting a provisional ballot, even if it's not accepted for counting, the person will become a registered voter.



Any voter who requests a provisional ballot should be given one.

NO voter should ever be refused a provisional ballot!



A provisional ballot must be offered to:

- 1) A voter who does not provide an acceptable form of identification.
- 2) A voter whose name on their identification is not substantially similar to the name on the OLRV.
- 3) A voter whose identity cannot be verified by the identification presented.
- 4) A voter who has received a disability exemption, but does not have a voter registration certificate indicating such exemption.
- 5) A voter whose name does not appear on the list of registered voters and does not have a registration certificate, but states they are a registered and eligible voter of the precinct.
- 6) A voter who has applied for a ballot by mail, but has not yet properly cancelled the mail ballot application.
- 7) A voter who votes during the polling hours that are extended by a state or federal court.
- 8) A voter who is registered to vote but attempting to vote in a precinct other than the one in which the voter is registered.
- 9) A voter who is on the precinct list of registered voters, but whose registered residence address is outside the political subdivision for which the voter is seeking to vote.
- 10) Other _____(with an explanation)



If a voter fits into one of the previous categories, the election worker shall inform the voter of their right to cast a provisional ballot.

If the voter does not appear on the list of registered voters, the election worker may assist the voter in determining if they are registered in another precinct, by using the Poll Pad, or calling the Elections Administration office.

If the voter can not be found but believes they are registered, the election judge MUST ask if the voter registered, or updated their registration, through DPS.

If voter went to DPS, the election judge must note this and the approximate date that the voter went to DPS on the back of the green 'Affidavit of Provisional Voter' envelope.



Polling Place Procedures (1 T.A.C. 81.173)

If the voter does not appear on the list of registered voters, the election worker should inform the voter that the ballot will be counted if it is determined they are a registered voter of the precinct.

If voter is casting a provisional ballot due to lack of an acceptable or supporting ID, the election worker should inform the voter that the ballot will only be counted if the voter appears at the Voter Registrar's Office and shows acceptable ID (List A or List B), or executes a temporary affidavit (if applicable) or permanent exemption (if applicable).



Affidavit of Provisional Voter

After notifications, but PRIOR to voting

- 1. Voter should complete a green Affidavit of Provisional Voter envelope on the front side.
- 2. Election judge should complete their portion on the reverse side, and sign it.

AW7-15-53, 8/17 Prescribed by Secretary of State Sec. 63.011, Election Code	Type of Election / Tipo de Elección	Precinct No. where voted Núm. de Precinto-lugar de votación	Precinct No. where registered (if known) Núm. de Precinto-inscrito pars votar (si se sabe)	Date of Election / Fecha de la Elección	Authority Conducting Election / Autoridad Administrando la Elección
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TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTION JUDGE: Veter Presented Acceptable form of identification or voter certificate with exemption. 1. Failed to present acceptable form of identification or voter certificate with exemption. 2. Voter not on list of registered voters. 3. Voter not on list, registered in another precinct. 4. Voter on list of people who voted early by mail, and voter has not cancelled mail ballot application. 5. Voting after 7:00 p.m. due to court order. 6. Voter on list, but registered residence address outside the political subdivision. 7. Other: (Please explain) Sworn and subscribed to before me this date:	TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR FOR STATUS: I, the voter registrar/deputy registrar, did research the records of my office and the following conclusion(s) was made: FOR VOTERS WHO DID NOT PRESENT ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING PLACE 1. Voter presented acceptable form of identification within 6 days of election day. 2. Voter met disability exemption within 6 days of election day. 3. Voter executed religious objection affidavit within 6 days of election day. 4. Voter executed natural disastor affidavit within 6 days of election day. 5. Voter did not satisfy identification or affidavit requirements, listed in categories 1-4 above, within 6 days of election day. FOR VOTERS WHO VOTED PROVISIONALLY FOR OTHER REASONS 6. Not a registered voter or registration not effective in time for this election. 7. Registered to vote, erroneously listed in wrong precinct. 8. Registered to vote in a different precinct within the county. 9. Information on file indicating applicant completed a voter registration application, but it was never received in the voter registrar's office. 10. Voter is not registered to vote in political subdivision. 12. Other: Date Date
Action taken by the Early Voting Ballot Board: ACCEPTED	REJECTED Signature of Ballot Board Judge:

Affidavit of Provisional Voter

- Election judge should add voter's name to **List of Provisional Voters/Early Voting** List of Provisional Voters.
- 4. Election judge should add name of voter to Poll Pad form/poll list, and indicate they are a provisional voter.
- 5. Voter should sign the Poll Pad/poll list.
- 6. The election judge should provide a Notice to Provisional **Voter** to the voter.

An Affidavit of Provisional Voter must be filled out by a voter who is voting provisionally and by the Early Voting Lead or Presiding Judge on Election Day.

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Early Voting List of Provisional Voters

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List of Provisional Voters

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Notice to Provisional Voter

A determination whether your ballot will be counted will be made by the early voting ballot A determination whether your pation will be counted will be made by the early voting pation board after the election. A notice will be mailed to you within 30 days of the election at the board after the election. A notice will be mailed to you within 30 days of the election at the address you provided on your affidavit to vote a provisional ballot indicating either (1) that your ballot was counted or (2) if it was not counted, the reason your ballot was not counted.

Your affidavit will be retained by the voter registrar who will use the information on the affidavit Your amount wan be retained by the voter registrar who wan use the miorination on the amount to update your voter registration information or if you are not a registered voter, the affidavit w to appear your voter registration information of it you are not a registered be submitted to the voter registrar as a new voter registration application.

If you have any questions, call the Secretary of State's Office toll free 1-800-252-VOTE(5

Notificación al Votante Provisional

La junta de votación temprana tomará una determinación, después de la elecc boleta se contará o no. Dentro de 30 días después de la elección, se le enviará y la dirección que usted proporcionó en su declaración jurada para votar en una En dicha notificación se indicará si (1) su boleta se contó o (2) si no se cor

El registrador de votantes guardará su declaración jurada y él usará la ; para actualizar la información de su registro electoral o, si usted n votante, la declaración jurada se le entregará al registrador de votante de registro electoral

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame gratis a la oficina del Sec-VOTE(8683).

Affidavit of Provisional Voter

In Houston County a voter votes provisionally on our election equipment so the ballots can be scanned once accepted by the ballot board.

Optical Scan/Paper Ballots:

- Voter should pick their own ballot from a disarranged supply of ballots.
- Voter should mark their ballot and then place inside the green secrecy envelope.
- Voter should place green secrecy envelope into the green Affidavit of Provisional Voter envelope.
- Voter should then deposit that envelope into the ballot box for voted ballots.



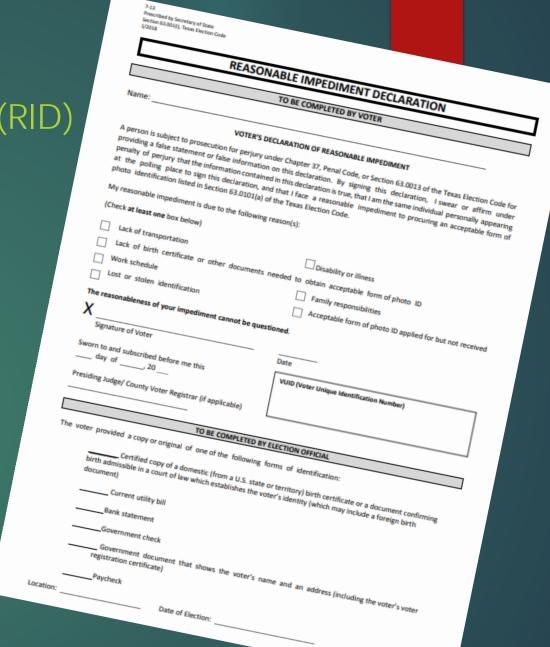
Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID)

A Reasonable Impediment Declaration is used when a voter has a reasonable impediment to obtaining "List A" Identification. They must have "List B" identification to vote a regular ballot when using the Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

On the affidavit the voter will:

- Note their reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo identification.
- State that the information contained in the declaration is true.
- State that the voter is the same individual personally appearing at the polling place to sign the declaration.
- State that the voter faces a reasonable impediment to procuring an acceptable form of photo identification.

You may not question the reasonableness of the voter's reasonable impediment.



What if the voter qualifies for a RID but didn't bring supporting ID with them?

If the voter did not bring any supporting form of ID to the polling place, the voter may vote a **provisional ballot** and "cure" that provisional ballot by appearing at the county voter registrar's office within 6 calendar days of election day by presenting an acceptable form of photo ID, showing a supporting form of ID and executing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, or qualifying for one of the exemptions (disability, natural disaster, or religious objection to being photographed).

OR the voter can leave & return to the polling place with their supporting form of ID before the polls close, execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and proceed to the voting booth to cast a regular ballot.

Registration Omissions List

When a person is accepted for voting and his/her name is not on the list of registered voters or supplemental list of registered voters, the election officer must add the voter's name to the Registration Omissions List.

The following are explanations of the law which allows for accepting a voter to vote whose name is not on the list.

- Voter (with required documentation) with Correct Certificate Who is Not on List: On the combination form, check the box labeled "Not on List 63.006" next to the voter's name. Add voter to Omissions List.
- Voter (with required documentation) with Incorrect Certificate Who is Not on List: On the combination form, have voter initial the Voter's Affidavit "Not On List 63.006" box (near the voter's signature), and check the box labeled "Not On List 63.006." It is also necessary to indicate on the Omissions List the precinct number as indicated on the voter's certificate. Add voter's name to the Omissions List and check the box labeled "Not On List 63.006.

NOTE ABOUT AMENDMENTS: "Required documentation" refers to acceptable voter ID. or documentation showing an acceptable exemption. A voter without this documentation will vote provisionally (unless the voter chooses to return later with documentation).

Prior law at Section 63.007 (Voter Not on List, Incorrect Certificate) is now (with minor revisions) one of two procedures in Section 63.006. Prior law at Section 63.009 (Voter Not on List, No Certificate) is no longer applicable; this voter will vote provisionally

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REGISTRATION OMISSIONS LIST

(LISTA DE OMISIONES SOBRE EL CERTIFICADO DE REGISTRO)

(Section 63.006(b), Texas Election Code)

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PCT. NO. (ON CERT.) (Núm. De Prec.) (En Cert.)	VUID NO. (Núm. De VUID)	FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) (Nombre completo [Apellido, Nombre de Pila, Segundo Nombre])	COMPLETE RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Dirección de Residencia Completa)
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RETURN IN ENVELOPE NO. 4

Limited Ballot

Limited ballots are used when a voter has a Texas registration in a county other than their new county of residence.

- Limited ballots are only an option during Early Voting
- they cannot be used on election day
- Personal appearance limited ballots are used only at the main EV location, which is the Houston County Elections Administration Office in Crockett, TX.(Chapters 111 and 112)

To vote a limited ballot, a voter must:

- Be eligible to vote in the county of registration if they still lived there
- Be registered to vote in the county of former residence at the time the person:
- Offers to vote in the new county of residence, OR
- Submitted a voter registration application in the county of new residence and
- Their registration will not be effective in their new county of residence by election day (Sec. 112.002)



Limited Ballot

Limited Ballot Procedures Personal Appearance

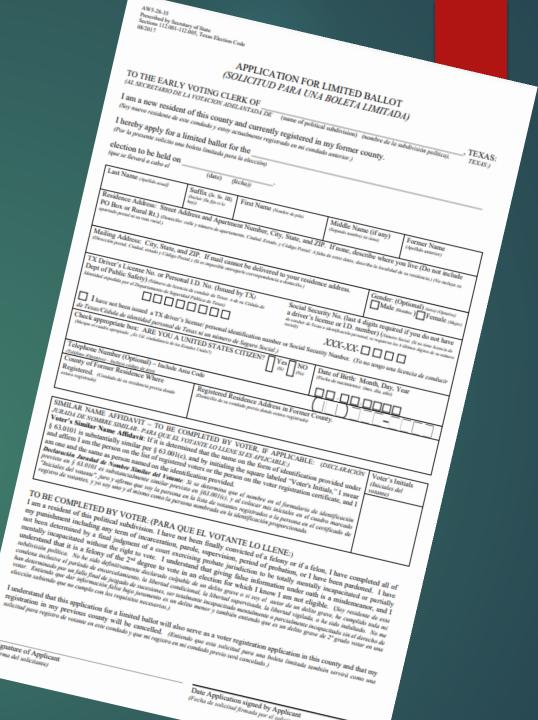
Step 1: Attempt to verify voter's registration status in new (Houston) county. You must call the Election Office to make this verification.

Step 2: If voter is eligible for a limited ballot, ask the voter to come to the Elections Administration office to complete an Application for Limited Ballot.

Step 3: After the voter completes application, note on the application the district offices for which the voter is entitled to vote.

Remember: The voter MAY NOT VOTE for county or precinct offices. Those races must be marked off the ballot.

If you are having a joint election, it is possible a local entity like a city or ISD might be in the two counties – you'll need to check the boundaries to see if those offices are part of the ballot.



Limited Ballot

Limited Ballot Procedures Personal Appearance

Step 4: Voter is added to the **Poll List of Limited Voters** rather than signing the early voting combo form.

Step 5: Add the voter to the **Restricted Ballot Roster**.

Step 6: Give the limited ballot (with the ineligible races removed) to the voter for voting. The limited ballot application should be handled by the Elections Administration to register the voter.

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See Instructions on reverse side for noting types of restricted ballots

Form's Do's and Don't's

DO

Use the Decision Tree to help you decide what forms you need.

Use the instructions provided with the forms.

Verify the address on the Official List of Registered Voters (OLRV) is correct.

Ensure the voter completes the necessary forms for their situation.

Complete your part of the paperwork.

Call or ask for help if you are unsure how to proceed.

Review that forms completed by voters are complete.

DON'T

Tell a Provisional Voter their vote will not count.

You may not question the reasonableness of the voter's reasonable impediment.

Do not deny any voter an opportunity to vote. This is what Provisional Ballots are for.

If a voter is not on the OLRV, don't neglect to call the Election Office to verify where the voter is registered.

Important Take A-ways

Your goal is to apply the knowledge you learn here to protect the integrity of the election process.

To ensure the integrity of each election, all election workers must be thorough, accurate, and attentive to the details involved in filing out forms.

Everyone makes mistakes, but please keep in mind that simple errors can undermine the election process.

We are depending on you to be responsible and reliable. The integrity of the election is a joint endeavor between you, as an election official, and our office.

election@co.houston.tx.us

- ► Thank you for taking time to view our Forms Video. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at the email address above, or by calling 936-544-3255 *243.
- Our goal is to always provide you with the most current election information and work with you on providing Houston County with the highest of election integrity.