

ELECTION DAY Poll Closing / Ballot Accounting



Use this form for observing the poll-closing on Election Day. Please provide as much detail as possible – Thank you for participating!

Polling place **location/address**: _____

City/County/State: _____

Precinct number/s: _____

Your **name** (*will not be shared with others except with your express permission*): _____

Organization you are affiliated with, if any: _____

Your **contact** information (*will not be shared with others except with your express permission*): Phone: _____ Email: _____

Time

Official poll closing time: _____ Time last voter voted: _____

Time you were able to enter polling place to observe: _____

How long did it take to tabulate the votes from when they began tallying the first machine to when they finished printing all results tape or tapes? _____

Observability

___Y ___N ___? Were you allowed easy access to observe the poll-closing process?
If no, please describe any obstacles to observing: _____

___Y ___N ___? Were credentials required to get inside to observe the poll closing procedures? *If yes, describe (party or candidate observer, other):* _____

___Y ___N ___? Were you able to hear when pollworkers called out the public count or as they were carrying out tabulations? *If no, describe:* _____

___Y ___N ___? Were you permitted to look at tally sheets, tabulation tapes, etc.? *If no, describe:* _____

The Count

Total number of voters: (*Total voter signatures on roster*) _____
(*Voter slips/certificates total, if used*) _____

Total number of votes recorded on voting system(s) (public count) (*use worksheet on last page of questionnaire if needed*): _____

Number of voted provisional ballots: voting machine _____ paper _____

If emergency paper ballots were used, total number: _____

Voting System – List type of voting system used (and how many of each) (*list all – brand/model*): _____

How many accessible voting systems for voters with disabilities? _____

Demo machines? _____ Broken or out of service for any reason? _____

Additional comments about voting machines: _____

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Comments

If the total number of votes recorded (public counts) did not match the number of voters signed in or voter authorization slips, what procedure did pollworkers follow?

Y N ? Recounted the authorization slips or signatures

Y N ? Made a note of the discrepancy on the tally report

Y N ? Contacted the elections office for instructions

Y N ? Other? Please describe in your own words what happened. (*Example: pollworkers couldn't get machine 5 to print a tally tape; machine froze; pollworkers called county; followed instructions to shut machine down and bring it in*)

Other notes and observations on poll closing:

WORKSHEET – If you can, please write below the number of votes tabulated on each machine and serial numbers if possible with the count for that machine.

To get this information, listen as pollworkers call out the count to one another, or follow the poll-worker from machine to machine as s/he collects the information.

Machine number:

Public Count:

Public Count Total: _____

Signatures in Register: _____

Difference if any: _____

The Verified Voting Foundation thanks you for your participation in this Poll-Closing Ballot Accounting Project, part of the Election Transparency Project.

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