

EDR Task Force—First Meeting Informal Notes

3/1/13

Members present: Judi Beaudreau (Vernon), Peter Gostin (New Britain), Melissa Russell (Bethlehem), Marla Cowden (Westport), Carole Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Teresa Pac (Bristol-- Town Clerks Association) Francisco Borres (Bridgeport-Deputy), Linda Grace (Bridgeport), Mike Wyman (Tolland). Peggy Reeves, Ted Bromley, Heather Augeri—SOTS.

Power Point/Draft Flowchart—Ted Bromley and Peggy Reeves.

Presented bullet points that followed EDR sequence as contained in the law and raised several questions to be discussed and to be resolved for each step in the process. Solicited additional concerns from the group. Slides and draft flowchart available.

Questions/Discussion of EDR Preparation and Procedures Process:

- Deadlines—same VR deadlines in effect—14-day and 7-day deadlines.
- Location: Can EDR be done at one location or at multiple locations?
 - Currently, law designates one location with access to CVRS. But towns could have several terminals at one location, if secure. Possibility of using VPN or LogMeIn or similar. ROVs given discretion to work with IT Depts. to get CVRS access to the location in whatever way they can.[MC added] Some concern about security of some towns using CVRS and others using other options, if allowed.
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 - Ted—EDR location not considered a polling place, although 75-ft rule applies for electioneering.
 - IVS required? Probably not, but **TBD**
- Access to CVRS—must it be updated version, “real” time? Would SOTS’ “Voter Look-Up” site be sufficient, if properly/frequently updated? Probably not, but still **TBD**.
- EDR Identification—usual Title 9-20 requirements, EDR law has examples of additional IDs accepted.
 - Additional acceptable: Passport PLUS docs which show residence (e.g., recent bank statement, paycheck, library card with address, preprinted.) Other group suggestions **TBD**.
- Staffing:
 - Who can staff EDR location?—Law specifies must be “admitting officials” as specified in Title 9. Trained and supervised by registrars.
 - Staffing numbers—**TBD**. Will differ with numbers of potential voters expected. Will it be an extra 10% over expected turn-out? More? Discussion of experience from other states vs CT Presidential Ballots. Should towns and cities plan for the worst-case scenario? **Yes**.
 - Should cities staff their locations similarly to polling places? Dedicate several staff persons to answering phone calls from other towns? **Good idea**.
 - Can staff have separate tables for new CT voters and for voters in CVRS transferring from other towns? **Yes**.
- Town-to Town Communication—how to handle volume of phone calls expected for EDR at offices and at polling places? Was wording of the law changed to make it more stringent on registrars’ procedures?
 - Dedicated cell phones from registrars to their own polling places to convey questions from other towns? Or direct from admitting town to polling place in previous town?
 - How long to make voters wait for confirmation that they did not already vote? **TBD**
 - Ted—would a CVRS-generated e-mail alert be helpful when voter pulled from former town? **Yes**
 - How to handle small towns’ closing their polling places at 8:15, while cities might still be trying to communicate with them at 3 am to verify whether person voted in former town?
 - Checking CVRS before admitting new voter—Wording of law does not define “admitting” process. Could entry be done the following day, as long as voter is not registered elsewhere in

CT? Mixed reaction to this question. Big concern in large cities with large transient population

- Ballots—
 - How many to order? **Concern especially for cities with multiple districts , thus multiple ballots.**
 - Will they be dedicated EDR ballots or regular polling place ballots? Probably dedicated EDR ballots. Pros and cons presented.
 - Machine-countable?—**yes. Location must have all applicable ballots for voters. Machine must be programmed to separate out the EDR ballots—like machine-counted Presidential Ballots.** Tally sheet (sealed and stored securely) with votes is required by the new law. Suggestion: Use back-up AB machines, if central count AB. Machine tape can constitute tally sheet.
 - Is a depository envelope acceptable for the EDR receptacle? **Yes... or ballot case.**
 - Per the wording of the law, Head Moderator's Return requests ONLY the number of EDR ballots received, but not the breakdown of votes of the EDR ballots.
 - Transport of EDR ballots to/from EDR location—**1 police officer or 2 sworn officials from different parties.**

Miscellaneous Questions:

- What happens to EDR voters if CVRS goes down for extended periods on ED? **TBD**
- Does 8 pm in-line allowance (OK to vote) apply to a non-electors? Ted/Peggy—**probably NOT.** 8 pm will probably be the cut-off for potential voters.
- How to handle an influx of voters who are in process of applying but not “verified” by former town by 8 pm? **TBD.**
- If EDR in Town Hall (ROV office), how to handle other town hall workers who shouldn't be within 75-ft of EDR location? Definition of “loitering”Mayors/First Selectmen? **TBD**

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