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Questions Involving Access to the Ballot:

1. It is after 7:00 AM and the polling place is not open. What should you do?

Immediately contact the County Election Board to report the problem. You can find information on County Election Boards at <http://www.ok.gov/~elections/cebinf.html>.

If the polling place is open at 7:00 a.m. but the voting machines have not arrived, call headquarters immediately. Voters should be permitted to vote by paper ballots (preferably) or by provisional ballots if there are no machines available.

2. It is 7:00 PM and my precinct is closed or closing and they will not let me vote.

Immediately contact the appropriate County Election Board to report the problem. You can find information on County Election Boards at <http://www.ok.gov/~elections/cebinf.html>.

3. There are equipment problems at my precinct and I cannot vote. What should I do?

Encourage the voter to ask to vote by a back-up paper ballot or by provisional ballot. If a caller reports problems with machines, immediately contact the Electronic Frontier Foundation representative at the call center to walk you through the appropriate steps to solve the machine problem.

Identification and Provisional Ballots:

1. I do not have any identification with me. Can I vote?

Yes. If the voter is a first-time voter who registered by mail and did not present acceptable identification at that time, the voter may vote by provisional ballot. If possible, a voter should be encouraged to go and get an ID and NOT cast a provisional ballot.

2. I am a registered voter who is not on the rolls at my precinct. Can I vote?

Confirm that the voter is a qualified to vote (i.e., meets the age, criminal status and durational residency requirements found on page 3 of the manual) and that the voter registered in time to vote in this election. Next, using the online poll locator tool, make sure the voter is at the correct polling place.

If the voter has registered on time, is eligible and is in the correct polling place, direct the voter to ask the poll worker to call the county clerk and confirm the registration. If the voter still is not on the rolls, state that the voter can still vote provisionally. This is a LAST resort, as provisional ballots will only be counted if the county clerk can later verify the voter's registration status before the election is certified.

3. Poll workers are turning voters away if they don't have photo ID.

Alert a Commander immediately to report the problem. An attorney will be dispatched to the polling place. Encourage the voter to go back inside the polling place and demand the right to vote by a REGULAR ballot (unless the voter is a first time voter who registered to vote by mail and has not previously provided a copy of their ID, in which case the voter may vote by provisional ballot).

4. I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?

Provisional ballots are a LAST resort.

In order to vote a provisional ballot, the voter must complete and sign an affidavit prescribed by the Secretary of State Election Board. Provisional ballots are placed in a designated, secure ballot box until the voter registrar and local ballot board can review the affidavit.

A provisional ballot shall be counted only if it is cast in the precinct of the voter's residence and if evidence of the provisional voter's valid voter registration, or of the voter's identity, is found, except a provisional ballot cast by a voter identified in Section 14-121 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be counted. Source: Oklahoma Statutes Title 26 § 7-116.1(C)

Where to Vote:

1. Where do I vote (for voter's who have not moved)?

You can look up polling locations at www.vote411.org.

2. I have moved within the same PRECINCT and have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?

If the voter has moved within the same precinct, the voter should go to the appropriate polling place for that precinct. If the voter registration list still lists the voter's old address, the voter will be asked to update their registration. If the updated address is within the precinct, the voter must be permitted to vote.

3. I have moved to a different precinct within the same COUNTY and I have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?

The voter should go to new polling location that corresponds to their new address or to the county board of elections, complete and sign a Notice of Change of Address and vote a provisional ballot.

4. I have moved from one county to another and have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?

The voter should go to the board of elections office in the voter's NEW COUNTY, complete and sign a new voter registration form and vote a provisional ballot.

Assistance at the polls:

1. What if I can get to the Polling Place, but cannot enter the booth?

You can still vote at the Polling Place. An election official will administer an oath and then two members of the precinct board (of different political parties) will assist you with voting. They must attempt to give you as much privacy as is practicable.

2. I can enter the booth, but I need other assistance with voting, what will happen?

Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice (but NOT the voter's employer, employer's agent or officer, or an agent of the voter's union).

You will be asked to swear before an election official that you need assistance and the person providing it must swear that your ballot represents your wishes.

Miscellaneous Issues:

1. Do I have to vote on Election Day?

No. You're entitled to request an absentee ballot, which can be returned by mail. Or you can choose early/in-person voting at a location designated by the county election board from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Friday and Monday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding Election Day.

2. Your right to Vote without Interference or Intimidation

It is a crime to interfere with a registered voter who is attempting to vote, to influence the vote of another by means of force or intimidation, interfere with the orderly and lawful conduct of an election, or to use coercion or any other method to knowingly attempt to prevent a qualified elector from becoming registered or a registered voter from voting.

You do not have to tell anyone how you voted. Pollsters may approach you AFTER you have voted for participation in an exit poll, but any participation is VOLUNTARY.