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Same Day Registration Procedures for the City of Richmond

Included below is a memorandum outlining the procedures for same day voter registration that will be implemented for the 2022 General Election in the City of Richmond. These procedures were created in response to the Code of Virginia changes in §24.2-420.1 outlining the new same day registration requirements. 2022 is the first year same day voter registration has been implemented in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Same Day Registration Procedures:

1. The voter will enter the polling location. The poll book officer will ask the voter for his or her full name and address.
2. If the voter is not registered to vote, or if the address the voter provided does not match the address in the poll book, the voter will be directed to the solutions table, where the Chief Officer of the precinct will provide him or her with further assistance.
3. The Chief Officer will determine if the voter qualifies for same day registration based on the address the voter provides. That address must be a City of Richmond address. If the voter meets the residency requirements, then the Chief Officer will proceed with the same day registration procedures.
4. Following the confirmation of residency within the City of Richmond, the Chief Officer will provide the voter with a Virginia voter registration application.
5. Upon receipt of the registration form, the Chief Officer will ask the voter to provide an acceptable form of ID. If the voter does not have an acceptable form of ID, the voter is allowed to sign a confirmation statement in which they affirm their identity under penalty of law. The Chief Officer will then provide the voter with a provisional ballot. The voter will then vote their ballot and place it inside of the provisional ballot envelope.
6. The voter will be handed a notice regarding the date, time, and location of the City of Richmond Electoral Board provisional ballot meeting. The Provisional Ballot meeting is a closed meeting. Voters who cast a provisional ballot are entitled to attend this meeting, but are not required to attend in order for their ballot to be counted.
7. If a same day registrant is determined to be a qualified voter, the Electoral Board will direct the General Registrar to count that ballot. In order to be a qualified voter, you must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, a resident of the precinct in which you intend to vote, and you must not have an active felony conviction.
8. Same day registration begins on October 18, 2022. The Office of Elections will process same day registration applications daily during the early voting period. Applications that are received from the precincts on Election Day will be processed by Friday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m. This timeline will ensure that same day registrants are carefully scrutinized to prevent anybody from voting more than once in the election, which is illegal according to §24.2-1004 of the Code of Virginia.
9. Same day registration begins with a voter registration application, and it ends with a provisional ballot.

Therefore, same day registration only applies to someone who is attempting to vote. If a voter mails a voter registration application, or if a voter submits an application electronically through the Department of Elections website, or submits an application through the DMV, and the application is submitted after the registration deadline, by law that voter does not qualify for same day registration.

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