

PROVISIONAL BALLOT ADJUDICATION SURVEY VIRGINIA 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Survey of Electoral Board Members who oversaw over 123,000 provisional, Same Day Registration ballots in the 2024
Presidential Election
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Survey Q1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Virginia Provisional Ballot adjudication process?

Count of Experience Locality Size	Experience Level					Grand Total	Dissatisfied
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years		
Large							
Satisfied		1	1			2	67%
Very Dissatisfied	1	1	1	1		4	
Medium							
Very satisfied				2		2	41%
Satisfied	5	1	1		1	8	
(blank)	1					1	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		1	2			3	
Somewhat Dissatisfied		1	1			2	
Very Dissatisfied	1	2	2			5	
Small							
Very satisfied		1		2		3	37%
Satisfied	4	2		1	2	9	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2	1				3	
Somewhat Dissatisfied		1	5			6	
Very Dissatisfied			1			1	
Grand Total	14	12	14	6	3	49	

Q1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Virginia Provisional Ballot adjudication process? (Comments)

Respondents Locality Size / Overall Satisfaction Comment	Experience Level					Grand Total
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	
<input type="checkbox"/> Large						
(blank)	1	1	1	1		4
It is the allowance of same day registration on election day that is the problem. The staff did the best they could under the circumstances.		1				1
The number of SDR registrations was too much. I don't see SDR registrations as necessary.			1			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium						
(blank)	7	5	6	2	1	21
<input type="checkbox"/> Small						
(blank)	6	5	5	3	2	21
SDR confusion & processing time.			1			1
Grand Total	14	12	14	6	3	49

Q2. How would you estimate your locality size, with respect to the other Virginia localities?

Respondents	Locality Size			
Experience Level	Large	Medium	Small	Grand Total
0-2 years	1	7	6	14
3-5 years	2	5	5	12
6-10 years	2	6	6	14
11-20 years	1	2	3	6
over 20 years		1	2	3
Grand Total	6	21	22	49
	12%	43%	45%	

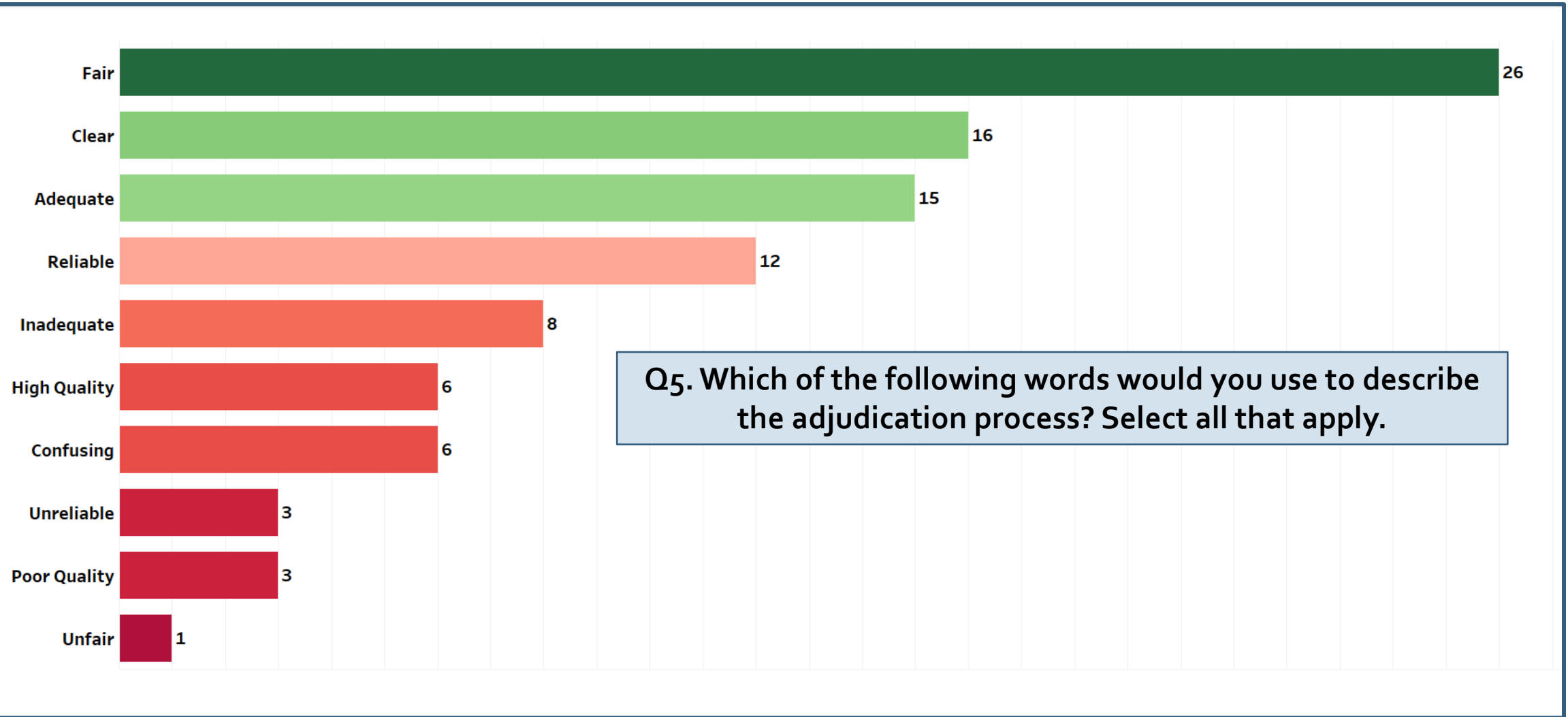
Q3. Were election officials at your locality adequately staffed and trained to properly adjudicate and process provisional ballots in a timely manner?

Locality / Adequately Staffed and Trained	Experience Level					Grand Total
	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	
Large						
No, the ballots for adjudication were a higher volume than previous years which overwhelmed the staff and adjudication was not given the due diligence it could have received	1	1				2
Yes, but the ballots for adjudication were a higher volume than previous years which put undue stress on the staff to complete the adjudication process on time		1	2	1		4
Medium						
No, the higher than previous volume of ballots resulted in many being adjudicated without proper scrutiny			1			1
Yes, but the ballots for adjudication were a higher volume than previous years which put undue stress on the staff to complete the adjudication process on time	4	4	5	1	1	15
Yes, the ballot volume was easily managed and adjudication completed within a comfortable margin of time and high level of confidence in the outcome	3	1		1		5
Small						
No, the ballots for adjudication were a higher volume than previous years which overwhelmed the staff and adjudication was not given the due diligence it could have received		1	2			3
Yes, but the ballots for adjudication were a higher volume than previous years which put undue stress on the staff to complete the adjudication process on time	4		4	1		9
Yes, the ballot volume was easily managed and adjudication completed within a comfortable margin of time and high level of confidence in the outcome	2	4		2	2	10
Grand Total	14	12	14	6	3	49

Q4. How clear were the criteria provided that were needed to properly adjudicate the ballots?

Count of Clear							
Adjudication Criteria	Experience Level						
Adjudication Guidance	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	over 20 years	Grand Total	
<input type="checkbox"/> Large							
Extremely clear				1		1	
Very clear		1	2			3	
Somewhat clear	1	1				2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium							
Extremely clear	1			1		2	
Very clear	5	3	1	1	1	11	
Somewhat clear	1	2	4			7	
Not so clear			1			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Small							
Extremely clear		1		2		3	
Very clear	3	2	4	1	2	12	
Somewhat clear	3	2	1			6	
Not so clear			1			1	
Grand Total	14	12	14	6	3	49	
Clear		9	7	7	6	3	32
Somewhat Clear		5	5	5	0	0	15
Not So Clear		0	0	2	0	0	2

2024 Provisional Ballot Adjudication Survey – Electoral Board Members



Locality Size
Large
The electoral board should not be omitted from the process other than to just rubber stamp the GR.
I would not have same day registration on election day. It takes away from those voting on election day that have been registered.
Do away with SDR.
Repeal the law that allows for SDR
Replace the two sided envelope to more clearly recognize sdr
No
Medium
We are a college town. Thus, lots of Same Day Registrations. More efficient processing of SDRs would help the adjudication process.
no same day registration after Oct 15. Also, I would like to see clear explanation of types of Drivers' licenses are accepted.
Do away with same day registration. It adds undue stress to poll workers due to high volume. Early registration ensures voters will register and vote in proper precinct and their vote will count.
Eliminate same day registration
Eliminate Same Day Registration completely
End same day registrations.
Go to pre-covid
No same day registering , it created most of the increase in Provisional ballots
Remove same day registration
Simplified envelope info.
I would add 3 administrative assistants present during canvass for the Process.
Extra Election Officials are needed

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Board Members*

Q6. If you could change one thing with respect to the provisional ballot adjudication process, what would it be?

*Large, Medium Locality
Responses*

I would tell phony organizations like EPEC to butt out

make sure the law is followed- not grant exceptions because of fear of denying someone's right to vote= the problem is the form is not properly filled out/ either officer error or voter unable to fill out properly= sometimes the asterick items which are mandatory to be filled out are allowed to be incorrect by ELECT because of fear of denying someone's vote (legal implications)

Make sure that anything being done at the State Board level is finished long before the election takes place. There were too many errors in some of the information that was received that just added to an already tenuous situation even worse. SAME DAY R

Do away with SDR

Eliminate same day registration - all our provisional ballots were from same day registrations.

Eliminate same day registration. This was the bulk of the increase

Get rid of same day registration!

No same day registration.

The number of ballots needing to be adjudicated, significantly by Same Day Registration

Timing for staff to check these ballots prior to completion of canvassing and certification of our election.

More detailed instruction between SDRs & Provisionals -- determine which one to process.

Faster processing by the State! It takes too long to get information back that is needed to make a decision.

Clearer election law guidance about what is acceptable or not acceptable

Automated data entry instead of manual entry of SDR's.

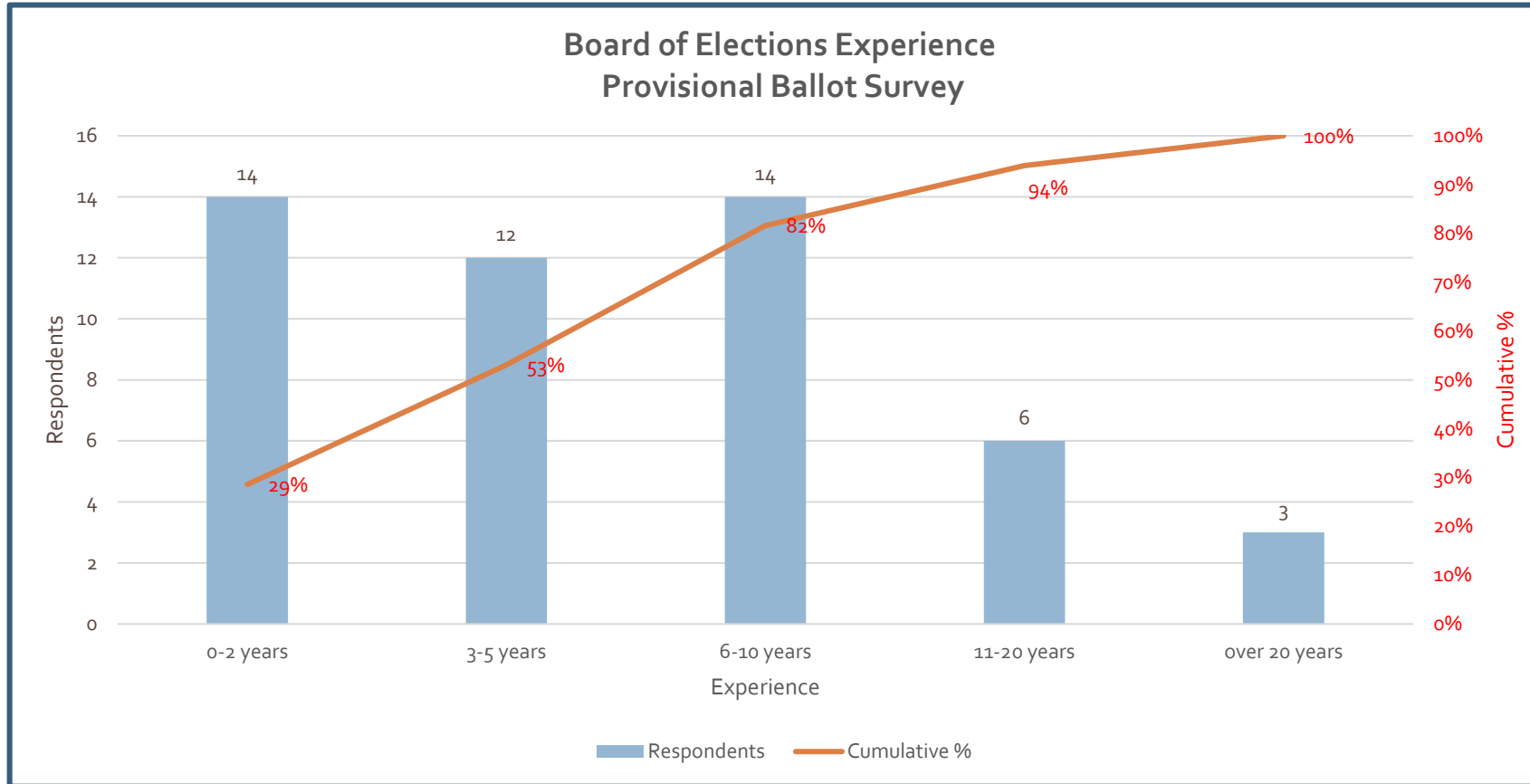
We can live with the current system

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**Q6. (continued) If
you could change
one thing with
respect to the
provisional ballot
adjudication
process, what
would it be?**

*Small Locality
Responses*

Q7. How long have you been involved in management and execution of election processes?



Electoral Process Education Corporation would like to thank Electoral Board Members across Virginia for their time and participation with this survey about their experience in the 2024 General Election in which more than 120,000 provisional, Same Day Registration ballots were adjudicated.

To see the summary of results, and responses from EPEC's survey of General Registrars, go to <https://epec.info/samedayregistrationsurvey>

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