

## Executive Order 35 Summary

### Fairness, Transparency and Legality in Virginia's Voting process

- 100% paper ballots providing a physical record
- Strict chain of custody for ballots and voting equipment
- All mailed ballots must be requested by application
- No mass mailing of ballots
- Paper ballot counting machines, not voting machines
- Rigorous testing of voting equipment before elections
- Counting machines not connected to internet
- 24/7 monitoring of drop boxes

### Ballot Security: Tracking and Chain of Custody

- Documented chain of custody for every voting day
- Ballot tracking through every step in the voting process
- Ballot counts are reconciled after every voting day
- Daily checks to ensure equal number of voters and ballots used

### Ballot Security: Absentee and Provisional Voting

- All mailed absentee ballots must be requested by a qualified voter
- Ballots cannot be forwarded
- All undeliverable ballots are returned to Voter Registration Office
- All returned mailed ballots are vetted for the voter's correct address, year of birth, and last four of SSN
- Provisional ballots for same Day Registrants are not counted until the voter's eligibility has been certified in the Voter Registration Office

### Election Security: Voting Equipment

- Virginia uses paper ballot counters, not "voting machines"
- Ballot counters are not connected to the internet
- Ballot counters are rigorously tested and certified to state and federal standards
- All equipment in the polling place, ballot counters and electronic pollbooks, is thoroughly tested before each election.

## Election Security: Result Accuracy is Triple-Checked

- Officers of Election check the election results in the precinct on Election Night
- Local Electoral Boards conduct a public Canvass of election results immediately following the election and certify results to The Department of Elections
- Department of Elections conduct their own review of results prior to certification

PLUS: Statewide and local audits are conducted to ensure accuracy before results are certified by The Department of Elections

## Election Security: Protecting Voter Lists

- Voter list is updated daily to add voters, change information and remove voters
- Remove ineligible voters including felons and mentally incapacitated
- Remove people who are unable to verify citizenship to the DMV
- DMV verifies proof of identity and legal status through the DHS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database and the Social Security Administration database
- DMV shares a daily data file of non-citizen transactions including addresses and document numbers with Department of Elections
- Registrars are required by law to cancel the registration of non-citizens and to immediately contact the Commonwealth's Attorney Office.

## Election Security: Safe and Orderly Conduct at Polling Places

Prohibited activities at Polling Places (includes Early Voting sites):

- Hinder, delay, or intimidate a qualified voter
- Hinder or delay an officer of Election
- Attempt to influence any person casting a ballot
- Violate the privacy of other voters
- Possessing any firearm within 40 feet of the Polling Place
- Impede the orderly conduct of the election