Election Division Dispatch

NEWS & UPDATES

ePB Report & CAN-39 Reminders

Currently ePollbook counties receive emails for Web Service Framework (WSF) transactions (i.e. "put" and "get" calls). While those emails will continue, ePB counties can run a report to compile daily transaction details. This should help counties stay on top of issues with ePB data transmission to SVRS. You can find the report "ePollBook WSF Transaction Call Tracking" in the INSVRS Reports Library under the elections category.

For those counties that have not yet published the Legal Notice of Election (CAN-39) a reminder that counties are able to generate the CAN-39 through SVRS via the Reports Library under the "Election" category. A reminder that the CAN-39 is to be placed in the minutes of a CEB meeting and providing the names and addresses of candidates are optional.

Voter Information Project (VIP)

IED is again partnering with Democracy Works, a non-partisan non-profit, to increase visibility of early voting and polling place information. A baseline data set and frequent updates will be shared with them soon. Please make sure your Election Day locations are up to date in SVRS on or before October 9 as our election information will be shared on many websites.

ABS Central Count Legislative Changes

Recent changes in Indiana law permit a CEB in a county that counts absentee ballots at a central location to adopt unanimous resolutions to 1) eliminate election day ABS signature review of ABS ballots received by travel board or in-person absentee (IC 3-11.5-4-12) and 2) begin processing & counting ABS ballots at 6AM on election day, if the county has updated their ePollbooks no later than 12:01A on election day. (IC 3-11.5-4-11).

Please note: A signature review must be conducted by the CEB or absentee voter board before Election Day on ABS mail ballots and ABS counters must perform a signature review on ABS mail ballots on Election Day. (IC 3-11-10-4; IC 3-11.5-4-12)

OCTOBER WEB TRAINING

Oct. 11 & 15 | Certificate of Error Processing

Oct. 23 & 25 | County ENR Data Entry

Dates are subject to change; check the 2018 INSVRS Training Schedule on the county portal to confirm.

CALENDAR

October 8, 2018
IED closed for Columbus Day Holiday

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Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling locations for November election, for those counties with precinct-based polling sites

October 9, 2018
Statewide VR Deadline

October 10, 2018
In-person early voting begins statewide

October 12, 2018
Campaign Finance reporting period ends (Pre-Election Report)

October 13, 2018
Large Contribution (CFA-11) reporting period begins

October 16, 2018
NOON Deadline for D & R party chairs to file nominations for precinct election officers

October 18, 2018
Travel Board begins visiting confined voters

October 19, 2018
NOON deadline to file pre-election reports

October 27, 2018
All Clerk's offices must be open for in-person absentee voting

October 29, 2018
ABS Mail Application deadline (11:59P)

VR CORNER

VR Applications & Postmarks

The statewide voter registration deadline for the November general election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Before your team processes a VR application received by mail after this deadline, please be sure to check the postmark on the envelope.

If a VR form is mailed to your office, received after October 9, 2018, and includes a legible postmark dated on or before October 9, 2018, then your county must process the form. (IC 3-7-33-4)

If a VR form is mailed to your office, includes an illegible or NO postmark, and is received after October 9, 2018 but on or before Monday, October 15, 2018, then your county must to process the forms. (IC 3-7-33-4; IC 3-7-33 -3.7)

These same rules apply to VR forms received by the Indiana Election Division, and forwarded to your county. Review pages 7-10 of the *2018 Indiana Voter Registration Guidebook* for more details.

Online Voter Registration (OVR)

A reminder that a recent update to INSVRS now time-stamps the date an OVR application was received by the proper time zone. This change does not impact Eastern time zone counties; instead, Central time zone counties can now rely on the time-stamp to reflect when the application was received according to local prevailing time.
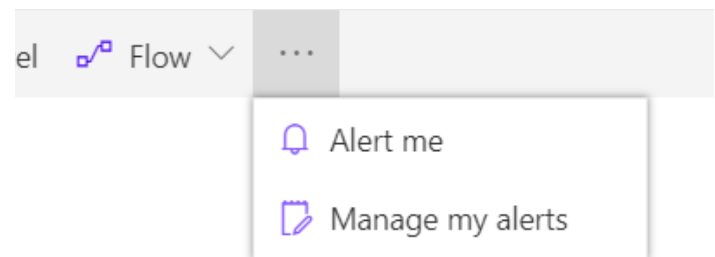
ABS App Scanning & "ALERT ME" on County Portal

IED has been scanning absentee ballot applications and posting to the county portal since September 22. The scanning effort is to get information to counties more quickly, since mail often runs several days behind and creates a delay for your county election board to review the applications and send absentee ballots to eligible voters.

Of course your county may wait for the originals to come by mail before processing; the scanned images are posted as a convenience to counties who wish to use them. All scanned images should have a watermark noting it's an IED scan so you can differentiate between the hard copy and the scan when matching the two.

Scanned absentee applications are placed daily in the "IED Postings" section of the INSVRS county portal. In your county's folder, you'll find a "2018 General ABS Applications" folder, and the files are posted there.

A reminder that at "alert me" function exists on your fold-ers to alert you to new postings. When you log in to the portal, there is a tool bar with specific functions noted. If you click the "…" button, a new drop down box appears (see image below).

Select "Alert Me" and a new screen will appear, giving you options to manage your alerts and the frequency they are sent to you. Below is a partial screen shot of options available for your alerts.