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### **SBE OFFERS WEB-BASED TRAINING FOR OFFICERS OF ELECTION**

**~ New Online Training Aims to Ensure Localities' Compliance with State Guidance~**

**RICHMOND, VA** – The State Board of Elections (SBE) has created a web-based training program for officers of election to supplement the current training classes provided by local general registrars and electoral boards. The program's initial rollout to general registrars, staff, electoral board members, and officers of election happened on October 15<sup>th</sup>. In the coming days and weeks, localities interested in offering the training for this November's presidential election will sign up for the program online. Jennifer Thomas, SBE Director of Training adds, "We are very excited to offer this training tool to all of Virginia's election officials. In offering this new training medium we hope to appeal to all adult learning styles."

Currently, the online training program offered by SBE is in its infancy stage. Modules are being offered to elections officials in time for November, including a comprehensive component on the recent changes to the law regarding Virginia's voter identification and provisional balloting requirements. We are building our online training with a university structure and will develop additional modules as time and resources permit. Our goal is to make available to localities, high quality web based training for Virginia election officials.

The development of online training is aimed at easing the strain on registrars and staff as Election Day approaches. In addition, online training reduces the expenses incurred by localities to train their officers of election. The training platform is intuitive and easy to use and can act as an added venue for introductory courses that need not necessarily be taught in a traditional classroom setting.

After the November election, SBE, in partnership with localities, will begin to build individual online sites for each locality that is interested in this service. After signing up for a local site, registrars and electoral boards will have full control over the training content that can be made available to their officers of elections. The State Board of Elections encourages all registrars and electoral boards to take advantage of this online training, to ensure that all officers of election are properly trained and prepared for Election Day.

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