

GR / EB Workgroup

Interim Report to State Board of Elections

July 28, 2015

A Review of Duties and Responsibilities of Electoral Boards and General Registrars

- * VEBA representatives
- * VRAV Representatives
- * SBE members
- * Elect Staff



Work Group

- * Honorable Charlie Judd, Chairman of the State Board of Elections
- * Honorable Clara Bell Wheeler, Vice Chair State Board of Elections, (appointed in 2015)
- * Honorable John Hager, former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, Co-chair of workgroup
- * Honorable Jean Jensen, former Secretary of the State Board of Elections, Co-Chair of workgroup
- * Renee Andrews, Falls Church City, VEBA representative
- * Bill Thomas, Richmond City, VEBA representative
- * Bill Bell, Isle of Wight County, VEBA representative
- * Robin Lind, Goochland County, VEBA representative
- * Larry Haake, Chesterfield County, VRAV representative
- * Barbara Gunter, Bedford County, VRAV representative
- * Tracy Howard, Radford City, VRAV representative
- * Special thanks also to ELECT support staff
- * Martha Brissette, elections uniformity, Department of Elections
- * Rose Mansfield, administration, Department of Elections

Members

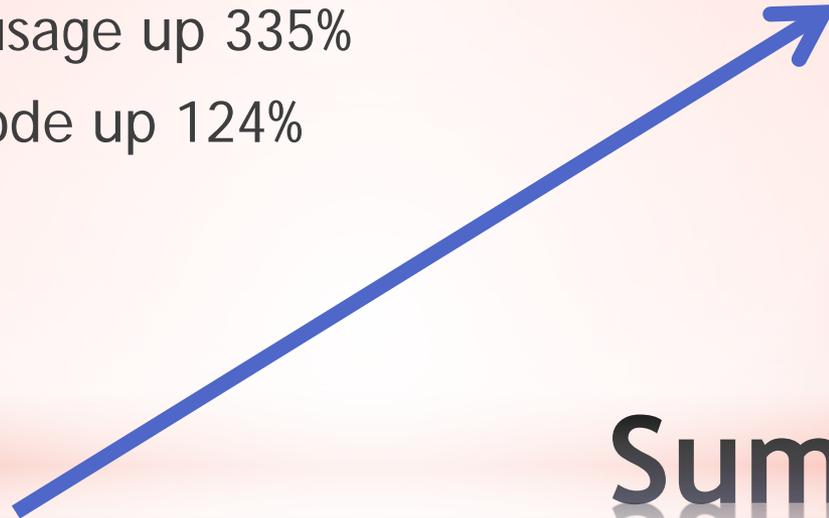
- * May 14, 2014
- * Resolution of State Board of Elections
- * Broad Study
- * Statutory Duties
- * Voter Registration
- * Administration of Elections

Charter

- * Ten initial goals
 - * Analysis of existing data
 - * Gather new data
 - * Duties of EBs and GRs
 - * Comparison
 - * Identify delegated duties
 - * Evaluate Registered voter data
 - * Analyze impacts of changes in how votes are cast
 - * Review Education, qualifications
 - * Identify Efficiencies
 - * Best Practices

The Study

- * Comparison 1996 - 2014
- * Population of VA up 23%
- * Registered voters of VA up 72%
- * Elections held up 32%
- * Absentee usage up 335%
- * Pages of code up 124%
- * Costs



Summary

- * Statutory duties
- * Comparison of Workload distribution
- * Delegated duties
- * Survey results
 - * GR EB specific duties
 - * EB duties universally delegated
 - * Shared duties
 - * responsibilities

Duties

- * GR Compensation increase
- * Continued examination
- * EB job description
 - * For Party Chairs
- * For Circuit Court
- * Re-write §24.2-112
 - * Allow GR to determine staff
 - * Require sufficient staff
 - * AG's opinion 14-046
- * Bolster ELECTs budget for part-time GRs
- * Continue analysis of staffing survey

Recommendations

- * Staffing
- * Workload
- * Part-time GRs
- * Assistance
- * Overall workload

Effects on Local Offices

- * Voting machines
 - * HAVA
 - * CAP
 - * Decertification
 - * EPB software

How votes cast

- * Educate the General Assembly
- * Impacts affect all resource levels, including manpower, funding, logistics, and training
- * Work with SBE, ELECT identify efficiencies to reduce local impacts
- * Amend or Recodify §24.2 identify archaic, redundant, unnecessary, or conflicting sections
- * Establish life cycle plan for equipment

Recommendations

- * Continuing Education
- * Professional Development
- * Proper and continuous training

**Education,
Qualifications,
Training**

- * Align local population brackets and compensation plan for recognition of education
- * SBE and EB Compensation review
- * Compensate EB's for mandated training
- * Establish minimum training standards for new EBs, GRs
- * Utilize technology for training

Recommendations

- * Training via webinar, study modules, testing
- * Office procedure and practice
- * University level training and continuing ed.

Efficiencies in Technology and Best practices

- * Devise and improve means of training
- * Maintenance of training
- * Create web based instructions
- * SBE, ELECT, VEBA, and VRAV

Further defined and detailed recommendations will be presented in the end of year report in December.

Recommendations

- * Resolution
- * To adopt a motion to recommend:
- * Resolved: The GREB Workgroup strongly urges that the State Board of Elections recommend that the Department of Elections forward a copy of this Interim Report to the Department of Administration, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, Privileges and Elections Committees of Both bodies, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate to begin immediate discussion on the critical budget shortfall in Elections Administration that has been identified thus far.

*** Action Item**