



Usability Review

Working Group

Updates to the statement of results

This newsletter is distributed by ELECT on behalf of the Usability Review working group to introduce the new version of the Statement of Results.

Newsletters will be sent out periodically as election materials are ready.

What is the Usability Review working group?

The Usability Review working group was formed in June 2017 to assist the [Center for Civic Design](#) in re-designing election materials offered by ELECT. Our goal is to ensure usability by the intended users, including General Registrars, Election Officers, and voters.

How do the elections materials get approved?

The process for approval differs depending on the requirements of the specific election material. What's written below gives a rough idea of our process.

CCD, ELECT, and the working group collaborate to review the code to understand what's required, research the known problems on the existing materials with GRs, and test instructions and design for usability with intended users.

When this is completed, and the state Election Commissioner gives final approval, the working group offers the product to all localities.

The Statement of Results has gone through this process, and the working group now offers it to all localities for use. It can be found on the [Forms Warehouse website](#).

Why do we need a new Statement of Results?

The existing long-form Statement of Results is unwieldy and requires mathematical calculations and transcription of information available elsewhere.

While these are not complicated tasks, the Statement of Results is produced after at least fourteen hours of a long Election Day. This increases the risk of mathematical and transcription errors.

How do I use this form?

When you download the SoR templates, you will receive the following versions:

- SOR A + B
- CAP SOR A + B
- Dual primary A + B
- Dual primary A + B for CAP

Each version highlights areas that we suggest you adapt for your locality.

Please note that the numbers for the form blocks are in table cells of their own. Get in touch if you have trouble making changes.

In addition, the document is so unwieldy and complicated that it is opaque to anyone not deeply schooled in the running of elections and how to complete the Statement of Results.

The purpose of the Statement of Results is to ensure that the number of voters checked in matches the number of votes cast. But the existing versions make that difficult to do.

After ELECT reviewed the legal requirements for the form, we realized we could simplify it a lot.

This is the first form to go through a major revision. Because it was the first, it has been through many workshops, meetings, discussions, and rounds of feedback with GRs and ELECT.

What's different about the new Statement of Results?

The new Statement of Results:

- simplifies the tasks of election workers on Election Night.
- is a more transparent document to the public.
- streamlines the canvass process.
- reduces the number of forms necessary to be completed for localities using electronic pollbooks
 - the Electronic Pollbook Summary Screen Data form was incorporated into the short-form Statement of Results.

This new short-form Statement reduces the need to transcribe numbers from other forms. But you don't lose any information by making this form shorter. The table on the next page shows where the data needed gets captured.

Where information previously found on the SoR is captured

Part of Previous Statement of Results	Location Captured
Part A-1. Ballots – In Person	Ballot Record Report Envelope 3 Envelope 4 Envelope 6 Provisional Ballots Log Provisional Ballot Envelopes
Part A-2. Ballots – Absentee Ballots	Ballot Receipt Rejected Absentee Ballots Log Rejected Absentee Ballots Count Sheet Unused Absentee Ballots Count Sheet Provisional Ballots Log Provisional Ballot Envelopes
Parts B-1 and B-2. Machine Seals and Serial Numbers	Envelope 7 Machine Tapes
Part C. Pollbook Count and Reconciliation	New SOR has this information
Part D. Votes Cast	Machine Tapes Tally Sheet Write-in Results Sheet (for precincts that must transcribe write-in votes)
Part E. Curbside Voting on DRE Machine	Must be attached to the new SOR if you take a DRE to the curb
Part F. Explanation of Discrepancies	New SOR has space for officers to provide this information
Part G. Certification	Retained on new SOR

How can I get the new Statement of Results?

The SoR is available on the [forms warehouse website](#).

Where can I send questions?

For any questions and comments, email Maggie Ollove from the [Center for Civic Design](#) at maggie@civicedesign.org. We will share questions and comments with the Usability Review working group.