



Judge of Elections Survey Results

1. Were the materials and instructions provided to you before the election clear, useful, and delivered in a timely manner?

Yes	193	93.2%	Total	207
No	14	6.8%	Not Answered	4

2. Did you attend the training session for election officials held on Thursday, October 30, 2008?

Yes	38	18.1%	Total	210
No	172	81.9%	Not Answered	1

3. If you attended this session, was the information provided clear & helpful?

Yes	36	85.7%	Total	42
No	6	14.3%	Not Answered	170

4. If you did not attend, please tell us why?

Schedule was not convenient	33	17.5%	Total	189
Conflicted with other obligations	38	20.1%	Not Answered	42
Too far from home	10	5.3%		
I did not feel that I needed train	74	39.2%		
Other	34	18.0%		

5. Were there long lines at your polling place?

Yes	40	16.5%	Total	243
No	16	6.6%	Not Answered	0
Only at certain times of day	121	49.8%		
Yes, but we were able to process voters quickly	66	27.2%		

5a. Were there lines from the registration table to the voting machines?

Yes	86	42.8%	Total	201
No	115	57.2%	Not Answered	10

6. Did your polling place use any special tools or techniques to help process voters more efficiently that you can share with us?

Common written response: Most commented on how much they thought using the “slips of paper” were very helpful in processing voters. Some mentioned that they split the poll books (A thru M and N thru Z) and taped lines on the floor to keep voters flowing.

7. Were there any recurring complaints from voters in line?

Yes	38	18.6%	Total	204
No	166	81.4%	Not Answered	7

8. Did your polling place have an adequate number of poll workers?

Yes	193	93.7%	Total	206
No	13	6.3%	Not Answered	4

8a. Were you aware you could ask for additional poll workers?

Yes	149	74.1%	Total	201
No	52	25.9%	Not Answered	11

9. Did you understand the role of the constable?

Yes	168	89.4%	Total	188
No	20	10.6%	Not Answered	23

9a. Did you have any problems or concerns regarding constables?

Yes	25	13.9%	Total	180
No	155	86.1%	Not Answered	31

10. Did the machines function well?

Yes	200	96.6%	Total	207
No	7	3.4%	Not Answered	4

10a. Were the seals on the machines?

Yes	206	98.6%	Total	209
No	3	1.4%	Not Answered	2

11. Are the machines easy for you to use as an election official?

Yes	198	97.1%	Total	204
No	6	2.9%	Not Answered	9

12. Did your polling place have adequate number of machines?

Yes	200	97.1%	Total	206
No	6	2.9%	Not Answered	6

13. Based on your observations, were the machines easy for voters to use?

Yes	192	95.0%	Total	202
No	10	5.0%	Not Answered	8

14. Did you experience and 'Fleeing Voters'?

Yes	71	34.8%	Total	204
No	133	65.2%	Not Answered	7

15. Did you have to call the County Board of Elections staff during the day?

Yes	198	95.7%	Total	207
No	9	4.3%	Not Answered	4

15a. If yes, were your inquires related to: Machine problems?

Yes	35	17.8%	Total	197
No	162	82.2%	Not Answered	14

15b. If yes, were your inquires related to: Questions about voters, provisional ballots, or registrations?

Yes	166	85.6%	Total	194
No	28	14.4%	Not Answered	16

Common written response: Most comments were related to calls that were made to BOE regarding names that did not appear in poll books.

15c. If yes, were your inquires related to: Other Issues?

Yes	39	31.5%	Total	124
No	85	68.5%	Not Answered	87

16. How did you feel about your role in dealing with voters wearing political paraphernalia?

Comfortable	159	72.9%	Total	218
Uncomfortable	22	10.1%	Not Answered	13
Confusing	11	5.0%		
Not Confusing	26	11.9%		

17. Do you think it would be helpful to bring the Judges of Elections together for further training or to share experiences prior to the next election?

Yes	120	64.9%	Total	185
No	65	35.1%	Not Answered	26

18. Is there anything that the County of Bucks, Board of Elections can do to make your job easier?

Yes	103	57.2%	Total	180
No	77	42.8%	Not Answered	30

19. Anything else you would like to bring to our attention?

Common written responses:

- 1) Election documentation should be streamlined and better organized.
- 2) Poll book: not registered, not at the right polling place, voters not in book.
- 3) Better system for processing voters which could include better signage, poster size maps of voting district.
- 4) More compensation for poll workers.
- 5) JOE mentorship.
- 6) Too long of a day; want additional staff or have 2 JOE in addition to 2 sets of poll workers.
- 7) More convenient drop off locations at the end of the day.
- 8) Kids voting being located at the polls cause problems.
- 9) Need a better system to count absentee ballots.
- 10) Wanted to know why badges were not included in package this year.
- 11) Some poll watchers were a problem.
- 12) Additional machine training.
- 13) Some do not like sharing polling places.
- 14) Increase voter education on where they should be voting.