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1988 VOTER VALIDATION STUDY

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1. Interviewer's Label

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SURVEY

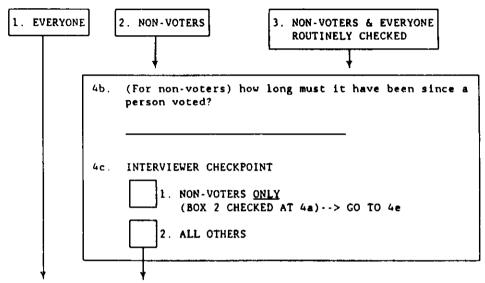
2.	ELECTION OFFICE CODE NUMBER:
3.	Date of Interview:
4.	Length of Interview: mins
5.	Respondent Information:
	5a NAME
	5b. TITLE OR POSITION:
6.	Office Information:
	6a. OFFICE
	6b. ADDRESS
	6c. OFFICE PHONE AREA CODE/ NUMBER

they	these persons stay registered if they so request or if provide the address where they are now living or are required to re-register?)
I	AN STAY REGISTERED F THEY GET IN TOUCH ITH REGISTRATION OFFICE 2. MUST RE-REGISTER: THEY ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED REGISTERED
7. 07	THER:
	er what time interval or number of general elections are ords purged/notices of intent to purge] sent?)
	YRS OR # OF GEN ELECS.
отне	R (SPECIFY):
vot or s	t happens to records that are deleted because of non- ing? Are the registration records for these people <u>filed</u> discarded? FILED 2. DISCARDED>NEXT PAGE, For how long are these records filed?
	YEARS
3g.	Are these registration records called purged, inactive, or what?
	1. PURGED 2. INACTIVE 7. OTHER (SPECIFY):
3h.	Are these records accessible?
	1. YES 5. NO

4. Do you have a standard procedure to see if registered voters still live at the address on their registration records?

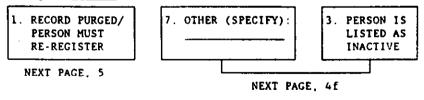


4a. Do you do this residency check for everyone who is registered, or just for non-voters?



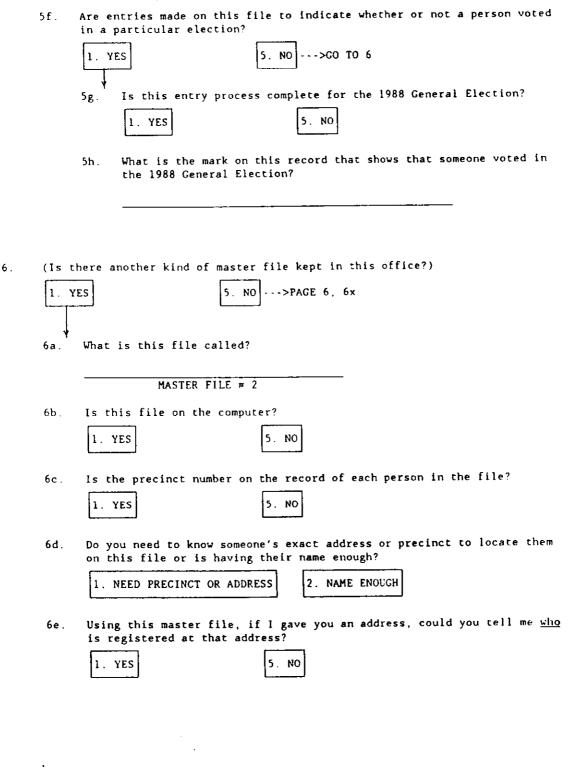
4d. How often do you check everyone? What is the time interval?

4e. What happens to the record of a registrant if the residency check determines that this person is no longer living at the address on their registration record and the address where they are now living is <u>unknown</u>?



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4f. Can an (inactive registrant/other) vote by showing proof of new address on election day, or do they have to send in a change of address before the registration books close prior to an election, or what?
1. CAN SHOW PROOF ON ELECTION DAY 2. MUST CHANGE ADDRESS 7. OTHER (SPECIFY): BEFORE BOOKS CLOSE 7.
ψ GO TO 5 4g. On election days, if they want to vote do they
(inactive registrants) go to the voting place for
their previous address or for their new address?
1. OLD ADDRESS 2. NEW ADDRESS 3. EITHER ADDRESS
Does this office have a master file where all the registration records for all the different precincts in this jurisdiction are combined into one file?
1. YES, ONE OR MORE 5. NO> TURN TO P. 9, 13
5a. What is (this/the first kind of) file called?
MASTER FILE # 1
5b. Is this file on a computer?
1. YES 5. NO
5c. Is the precinct number on the record of each person in the file?
1. YES 5. NO
5d. Do you need to know someone's exact address or precinct to locate them on this file or is having their name enough?
1. NEED PRECINCT OR ADDRESS 2. NAME ENOUGH
5e. Using this master file, if I gave you an address, could you tell me who is registered at that address?
1. YES 5. NO



6x.

in a	entries made on this file to indicate whether or not a person vo a particular election? YES 5. NO>GO TO 6x
6g.	Is this entry process complete for the 1988 General Election? 1. YES 5. NO
6h.	What is the mark on this record that shows that someone voted the 1988 General Election?
INTERVIEW	ER CHECKPOINT
	ANSWERED "YES" TO EITHER (OR BOTH) 5f OR 6f> NEXT PAGE, 7
2. Al	LL OTHERS> TURN TO P. 11, 20

Now about the process by which information about voting gets put into the master file.

7. Is information about persons who are eligible to vote in a particular precinct sent out to that precinct on election day? For example, a <u>list</u> of registered voters, or the registration cards themselves?



7a. What are these lists called? (How are they referred to?)

7b. Are these (lists/cards) marked by officials to indicate that someone voted?



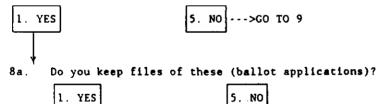
7c. What does that mark look like?

7d. Are these (lists/cards) signed or marked by the voters themselwes?

[1. YES]

[5. NO]

8. In some jurisdictions, when a person goes to vote, they sign their name on a separate piece of paper, called a ballot application or a voucher, (or something else). Do you have such a procedure?



9. Do you keep a record when someone applies for an absentee ballot?



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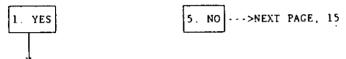
OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE MASTER FILE

13. Is there <u>any</u> version or set of registration records where information about a person's voting participation also appears?



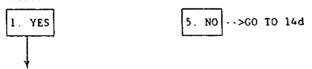
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14a. What are these lists called? (How are they referred to?)

14b. Are these (lists/cards) marked by officials to indicate that someone voted?



14c. What does that mark look like?

14d. Are these (lists/cards) signed or marked by the voters themselves?

1. YES 5. NO

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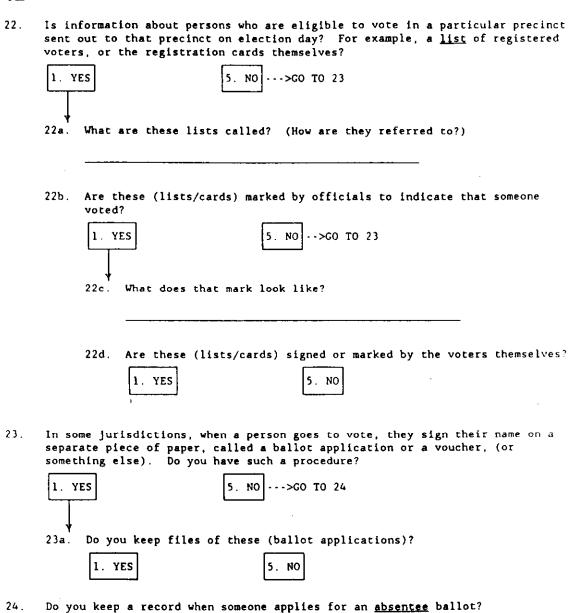
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5. NO>GO TO 16 15a. Do you keep files of these (ballot applications)? 1. YES 5. NO 6. Do you keep a record when someone applies for an absentee ballot? 1. YES 5. NO 7. Do you mark a person's registration record as having voted when an absolution is returned? 1. YES 5. NO 5. NO	
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ballot is returned?	
1. YES 5. NO	entee
Are there any other ways that you keep track of people who voted on ElDay? (Please describe.)	ection
Now, how does this information about who voted, (gathered at the polls way we just talked about) actually get transferred or put onto the per registration record?	in th son's

REGISTRATION RECORDS DO NOT HAVE VOTE INFORMATION

20.	not a	understand what you've told me correctly, in order to find out whether or person voted in a particular election, we would have to look at the grecords themselves, and <u>not</u> the registration records. Is this correct?
	1 . Y	ES 5. NO
	GO TO	0 21
	20a.	Is the information about voting kept on a registration master file, on a set of registration records, or what?
		1. REGISTRATION MASTER FILE>GO BACK TO P. 4, AND RE-ASK 5a - 12
		5. SET OF REGISTRATION RECORDS>GO BACK TO P. 9, AND RE-ASK 14 - 19
		7. OTHER, SPECIFY
21.	Are t	the vote records kept in this office or kept in a different office?
	1. 1	KEPT IN THIS OFFICE 5. KEPT IN ANOTHER OFFICE
	L	NEXT PAGE, 22
	21a.	Who is in charge of these vote recordsWhat is their title? NAME:
		TITLE:
	21b.	What is his/her address?

1. YES



5. NO

1. Y	ES	5.	NO	·		
What	other kinds o	f voting rec	ords do you l	nave that you	can describ	e for
					 	
maste	r file) do	you need to	g records o know a vote ime on the re	r's precinct		
maste	r file) do to find that	you need to person's na	know a vote	r's precinct cords?		
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How soon before a federal election must people in (NAME OF PLACE) be registered so that they can vote in that election? (That is, how many days 28. before a federal election do registration books close?)

DAYS BEFORE ELECTION

NEXT PAGE, 29

5. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

NEXT PAGE, 31

O. "SAME DAY" REGISTRATION

NEXT PAGE, 28a

28a.	How many people actually did register in your jurisdiction for the first time on Election Day, in November of 1988? (We are thinking both of those people registering for the first time ever, and those who were previously registered in another jurisdiction. Please don't count those people who simply changed the address or the name on their record.)
	# OF PEOPLE 0. DON'T KNOW, CAN'T TELL
your regis in an	g the calendar year 1988, how many people registered in this period in jurisdiction for the first time. (We are thinking both of those people tering for the first time ever, and those who were previously registered other jurisdiction. Please don't count those people who simply changed ddress or the name on their record.)
	# OF PEOPLE O. DON'T KNOW, CAN'T TELL
	<u> </u>
	29a. Is it possible to say approximately how many people were registered in your jurisdiction at the end of 1987? (How many?)
	# OF PEOPLE 0. DON'T KNOW, CAN'T TELL
	29b. Approximately how many registration records were deleted or purged during 1988?
	RECORDS
	today, approximately how many registered voters are there in this diction?
	# OF PEOPLE O. DON'T KNOW, CAN'T TELL
How m	any (election districts/precincts) do you have in this jurisdiction? DISTRICTS/PRECINCTS
31a.	For a general election such as the one last November, how many polling
J	places would you have?

	# DAYS OR		# WEE	KS <u>OR</u>	# MONTHS
	ople register at t locales?	his office	or is re	gistration carr	ied out entirel
1. RE	CISTER HERE 2	MUST REG		3. NO IN-PER MAIL ONLY	SON REGISTRATIO
	J		NEX	T PAGE, 35	
33a.	Does this office a	ccept regi	stration	all year round,	except for spe
	periods prior to a times of the year			this office on	y open at certa
					
	1. OPEN ALL YEAR	2. ONL	Y AT CERT	AIN TIMES	
	1. OPEN ALL YEAR	2. ONL	Y AT CERT	AIN TIMES	
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Is thi	s office the only				isdiction can
	s office the only er?	place at w	hich peop	le in this jur	isdiction can
regist	s office the only er?	place at w		le in this jur	isdiction can
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1. YE	s office the only er?	place at w	hich peop ->NEXT Pa	le in this juri GE. 35	or do you have
1. YE	s office the only er?	place at w 5. NO - case that tre open tem	hich peop ->NEXT Pa his is th porarily	le in this juri GE. 35	or do you have

35.	(SHOW CARD) I want to ask you about places people can register. Some localities have that are open all year round, on a regular last a Secretary of State's office where anybody also register to vote. In addition, some in locations available for people to register.	places who basis. As going on urisdiction	ere people can register n example of this would be any other business can ons may make special
	Let me ask you first about places that are at this card and tell me at which of these can register. (You can just give me the le	places peo	ople in your jurisdiction
	A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES	κ.	ATHLETIC CLUB/YMCA
	B. FIRE STATIONS	L.	ORGANIZATION MEETING PLACE, E.G., KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AMERICAN LEGION
	C. SHOPPING MALLS/MARKETS	М.	CHURCHES/PARISH HALL
	D POST OFFICES	N.	SOMEONE'S HOUSE
	E. DRIVERS' LICENSE RENEWAL (SEC'Y OF STATE OFFICE)	o.	VOLUNTEERS GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR
	F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/POLICE STATIONS	P.	SPECIAL MOBILE UNITS
	G. COURTHOUSE	Q.	OTHER (SPECIFY):
	H. COLLEGE DORMS/UNIONS		
	I . APARTMENT COMPLEX CLUBHOUSE/ COMMONS		
	J. COMMUNITY CENTERS/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS	T.	NO OTHER OFFICE
36.	(SHOW CARD) Can people register at other l temporarily before elections to encourage r		
	1. YES>NEXT PAGE, 36a 5. N	>NEXT	PAGE, 37

36a.	What additional places can people regive me the letters.)	gister during those times? (Just
	A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES	K. ATHLETIC CLUB/YMCA
	B. FIRE STATIONS	L. ORGANIZATION MEETING PLACE, E.G., KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AMERICAN LEGION
	C. SHOPPING MALLS/MARKETS	M. CHURCHES/PARISH HALL
	D. POST OFFICES	N. SOMEONE'S HOUSE
	E. DRIVERS' LICENSE RENEWAL (SEC'Y OF STATE OFFICE)	O. VOLUNTEERS GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR
	F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/POLICE STATIONS	P. SPECIAL MOBILE UNITS
	G. COURTHOUSE	Q. OTHER (SPECIFY):
	H. COLLEGE DORMS/UNIONS	
	I. APARTMENT COMPLEX CLUBHOUSE, COMMONS	<u> </u>
	J. COMMUNITY CENTERS/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS	T. NO OTHER OFFICE
36b.	And roughly when are these places of the books close, one or two weeks, that?	pen? Would it be several days befor three to four weeks, or longer than
	1. SEVERAL DAYS 2. 1-2 WEEKS	3. 3-4 WEEKS 4. LONGER THAN 4 WEEKS
Does	this jurisdiction have deputy regist	rars?
1. Y		
↓ 37a.	How many deputy registrars worked invoters?	n this jurisdiction to register
	* DEPUTY REGISTRARS	

37.

jurisdiction?	on the number of deputy registers that can	work
1. YES	5. NO>NEXT PAGE, 38	
What are they?		
Are there limita voters?	ations on where deputy registrars can go to r	egist
1. YES	5. NO>NEXT PAGE, 38	
What are they?		
Are there limits	ations on the hours deputy registrars can wor	

10-	(Phone de comb
38a.	Where do people pick up postcards or mail applications?
38b.	Are these postcards or applications on display at these places, or people have to ask for them?
	1. DISPLAYED 5. MUST ASK
offic	nely, that is, not just before an election, what days and hours is e open for registration? (Describe Fully.) AY - FRIDAY
offic	e open for registration? (Describe Fully.)
offic	e open for registration? (Describe Fully.)
MONE	e open for registration? (Describe Fully.)
MONE	e open for registration? (Describe Fully.) AY - FRIDAY e an election, do you extend your hours to encourage registration?
MONE Befor	e open for registration? (Describe Fully.) AY - FRIDAY e an election, do you extend your hours to encourage registration?

41. Is there a publication you might give a person who is new to this area, or someone who has just turned 18, to explain eligibility and procedures for registering in this jurisdiction? 5. NO -->GO TO 42 May I have a copy? 41a. 1. YES 5. NO 42. How long must a person have lived in this county in order to register to vote in a federal election? # DAYS OR # WEEKS OR # MONTHS 43. Thank you very much for your cooperation. EXACT TIME NOW:

END OF INTERVIEW. PLEASE TURN TO NOTES.

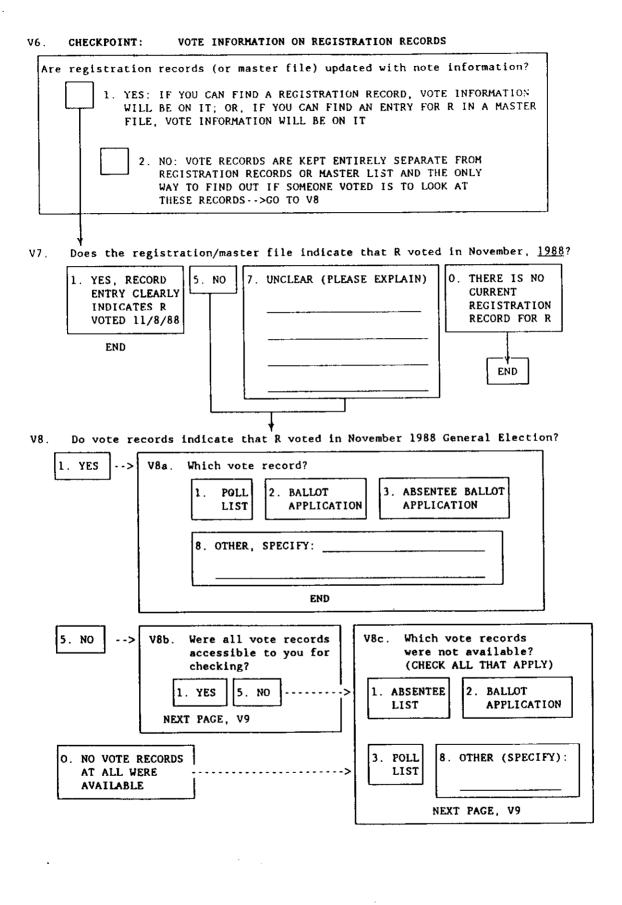
NOTES and THUMBNAIL

		trieval of (a computer?	some or a	ill) info	mation	done by	someone
	1. YES		5	NO			
	Describe:						
							
Please	describe	how helpful,	(or not	helpful)	people	in this	office

1.	Excellent. I'm very confident that if the respondent is registered, a record would be found.
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	Poor. It is very possible that a registration record does exist f respondents for whom I have been unable to locate one, but the way office is organized, it would take an infinite amount of time to fit.
Pleas from	e add anything else you think would be helpful in interpreting resu

IWER: COPY PRE-ELECTION ID:
1. Does the respondent have a registration record in this office? 1. YES 5. NO GO TO V1b
Via. Was the cross-reference file checked? 1. YES 0. THERE ISN'T ANY NEXT PAGE, V5
Vlb. Where did you find the record? 1. ACTIVE/CURRENT FILES PILES NEXT PAGE, V2
3. PURGED/CANCELLED/> Vlc. What was the date of the purge? MONTH DAY YEAR Vld. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT
1. PURGE DATE BEFORE 11/8/88> END 2. ALL OTHERS> NEXT PAGE, V2
4. TO BE PROCESSED> Vie. What was the date of the application? MONTH DAY YEAR Vid. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT
1. APPLICATION DATE AFTER 11/8/88> END 2. ALL OTHERS>NEXT PAGE, V2

V?.	Does R's name, as given on label, match the name in the registration record? 1. YES 5. NO >V2a. Please print R's name exactly as it appears on the registration record.
V3.	What is R's birthdate, as listed on the registration record? BIRTHDATE: MONTH/ DAY /YEAR 9. NOT LISTED OR NOT ACCESSIBLE
V4 .	Does R's address, as it appears on label, match the address on the registration record? 1. YES 5. NO> V4a. Please print R's address exactly as it appears on the registration record.
V4b.	What is R's (precinct/election district) number or designation? NUMBER OR DESIGNATION
V5.	Which of the following kinds of registration records, whether accessible to you or not, are kept by this office? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY). 1. ACTIVE 2. INACTIVE 3. PURGED 4. TO BE PROCESSED 8. OTHER: (SPECIFY)
VSa.	Of these sources, which ones were <u>not</u> accessible to you for checking? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) 5. NONE WERE ACCESSIBLE 0. ALL WERE ACCESSIBLE 1. ACTIVE 2. INACTIVE 3. PURGED 4. TO BE PROCESSED



V9. When is date R <u>last</u> voted?

MONTH / DAY / YEAR

HAS NEVER

THUMBNAIL SKETCH:

Please note any ambiguities in the registration/voting record or any other pertinent information that you think project staff should know about this case.