

PER Section B – Additional Documents to Submit

Glossary of Terms

Term	Acronym	Definition
Absentee	ABS	The process by which a voter who meets certain criteria submits a ballot prior to election day.
Attorney General Opinion	AG Opinion	Opinions given by the S.C. Attorney General’s office used as Guidance by the State Election Commission in administering elections.
Confirmation Card Mailing		Process by which the State Election Commission mails postcards to voters who have not voted in approximately four years asking the voter to confirm voter registration information.
County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections	County Board	Five to nine member board appointed by the Governor on advice of the county legislative delegation that is the authority charged by law with conducting voter registration and elections in the county.
Department of Justice	DOJ	Federal agency charged with enforcing federal law.
Direct-Recording Electronic	DRE	A type of voting machine that records votes by means of a ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-optical components that can be activated by the voter (typically buttons or a touchscreen); that processes data by means of a computer program; and that records voting data and ballot images in memory components.
Election Central		Central location, usually in the county seat, from which county election officials direct election day activities, receive materials from polling places on election night, and accumulate and report election results on election night.
Election Night Reporting	ENR	SEC website established to collect election results from counties, aggregate results, and report results to the public.
Election Preparation and Results Accumulation Guide	EPRAG	Handbook provided to county voter registration and election officials used preparing voting machines and tabulating results.
Election Systems & Software	ES&S	The voting system vendor that provides the iVotronic voting machine and associated components used throughout South Carolina.
ElectionNET		Secure intranet site used by the State Election Commission as the primary method of communication with county voter registration and election officials.
Electronic Voter Registration List	EVRL	Also known as an electronic poll book. System that allows poll managers to use a laptop instead of a paper voter registration list to verify a voter’s eligibility to vote and to record voter participation.
Electronic Voting Accessibility Tool	EVAT	Online system that allows military and overseas voters to access, mark, and print their absentee ballot.

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Failsafe Voting		Process by which some voters who have failed to update their address are allowed to update their address and vote on election day.
Federal Voting Assistance Program	FVAP	Voter assistance and education program to ensure that members of the U. S. armed forces, their eligible family members and U.S. citizens overseas are aware of their right to vote and have the tools to do so.
Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot	FWAB	A blank ballot provided by the Federal Voting Assistance Program by which military and overseas voters' can vote by writing in their choices and returning the ballot to their county voter registration and elections office.
Freedom of Information Act	FOIA	State law that guarantees the public the right to attend government meetings and have access to public records.
Help America Vote Act	HAVA	Federal law intended to eliminate the use of punch card and lever-based voting systems, create the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of federal elections, and to establish minimum election administration standards.
Instant Runoff Voting	IRV	Process by which military and overseas citizens submit a ranked choice ballot along with their primary ballot. The ranked choice ballot (the voter ranks each candidate on the ballot by preference) serves as the voters' ballot in case of a primary runoff.
iVotronic	iVo	A brand of touchscreen Direct-Recording Electronic voting machine manufactured by Election Systems and Software used throughout South Carolina.
Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment	MOVE	Federal law enhancing requirements of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act.
Municipal Election Commission	MEC	Three member board appointed by a municipal governing body that is the authority charged by law with conducting municipal elections.
National Voter Registration Act	NVRA	Also known as "Motor Voter." Federal law requiring all eligible citizens be given the opportunity to register to vote when receiving services from the Department of Motor Vehicles and a variety of other public assistance agencies.
Online Voter Registration	OVR	System allowing voters with a S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID Card to register to vote online.
Personal Electronic Ballot	PEB	Electronic device used with voting machines to activate ballots and extract results
Polling Location Technicians	PLT	Individuals hired and trained by county boards of voter registration and elections to address common technical polling place issues on election day.
Reasonable Impediment		A reasonable impediment is any valid reason, beyond the voter's control, which created an obstacle to the voter obtaining the necessary Photo ID in order to vote.

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S.C. State Election Commission	SEC	State agency responsible for overseeing voter registration and election processes in South Carolina.
scVOTES.org		The State Election Commission's website used as the primary method of providing information to the public.
Special Write-in Absentee Ballot	SWAB	A blank ballot provided by the State Election Commission by which military voters and other voters living in isolated or extremely remote areas of the world can vote by writing in their choices and returning the ballot to their county voter registration and elections office.
Statement of Economic Interest and Campaign Disclosure	SEI/CD	Campaign finance reports filed with the State Ethics Commission by candidates and other public officials.
Statement of Intention of Candidacy/Party Pledge Form	SICPP Form	Document required by state law to be submitted by a partisan candidate at the time of filing for elected office which states the candidate's intent to seek a specific office, attests to the candidate qualifications, and swears to the party pledge.
Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act	UOCAVA	Federal law requiring states to provide military and overseas citizens with special procedures to help them register and vote.
Unity		Software used to build databases and produce ballots necessary to conduct elections on the statewide voting system.
Voter Registration and Election Management System	VREMS	A statewide voter registration database and election management system that provides various election administration tools including voter registration, absentee voting, candidate tracking, statistical reports, and election management.
Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act		Federal law requiring voter registration offices and polling places to be accessible to voters with disabilities and voters aged 65 or older.