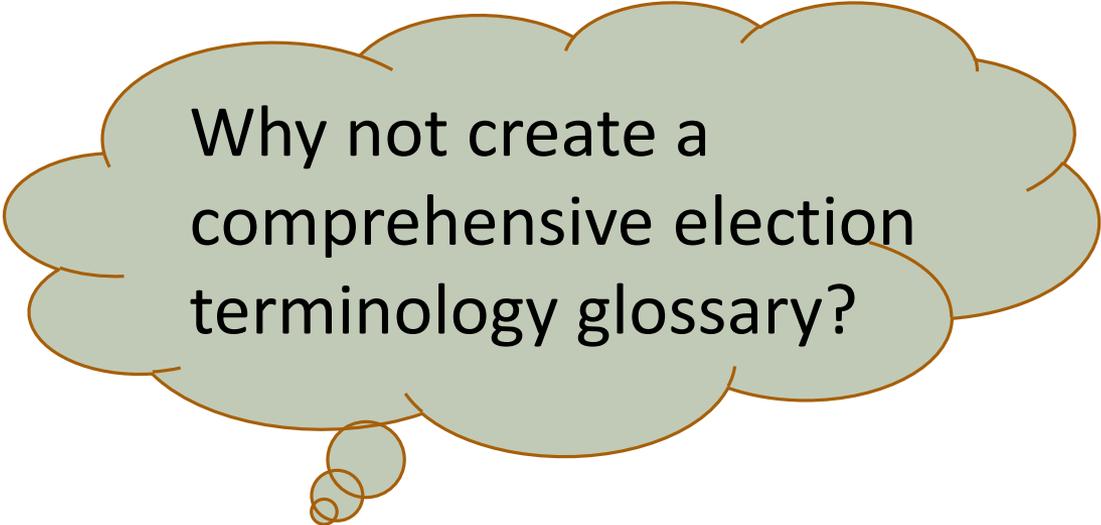


Project Spotlight: Glossary of Election Terminology

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The Problem

We need common terminology throughout the election space



Why not create a comprehensive election terminology glossary?

Defining Terms



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Is this a “voting system?”

Voter Registrations - 7 records found [View Voter Registration Sources](#)

| 1: New York Voter Registration | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Registrant Information | |
| Name: | KUSHNER, JARED C |
| Residential Address: | 21 ASTOR PL APT 7F NEW YORK, NY 10003-6940 NEW YORK COUNTY |
| SSN: | ██████-XXXX |
| Date of Birth: | 1/1981 |
| Gender: | Female |
| Registration Date: | 11/24/2009 |
| Last Vote Date: | 11/2/2010 |
| Party Affiliation: | NONE DECLARE |
| Active Status: | ACTIVE |

| 2: New York Voter Registrati | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Name: | KUSHNER, JARE |
| Residential Address: | 502 PARK AVE F NEW YORK, NY NEW YORK COU |
| SSN: | ██████-XXXX |
| Date of Birth: | 1/1981 |
| Gender: | Female |
| Registration Date: | 11/24/2009 |
| Last Vote Date: | 11/8/2016 |
| Party Affiliation: | NONE DECLARE |
| Active Status: | ACTIVE |



The image shows a portable voting system. It consists of a blue carrying case containing a tablet computer and a printer. The tablet displays a voting interface with a hand icon and the text "Scan Valid Drivers License or Voter Notice Card". The printer is a white DXT model. In the background, there are two tablets displaying voter registration information, including the name "KUSHNER, JARED C" and the address "21 ASTOR PL APT 7F, NEW YORK, NY 10003-6940".

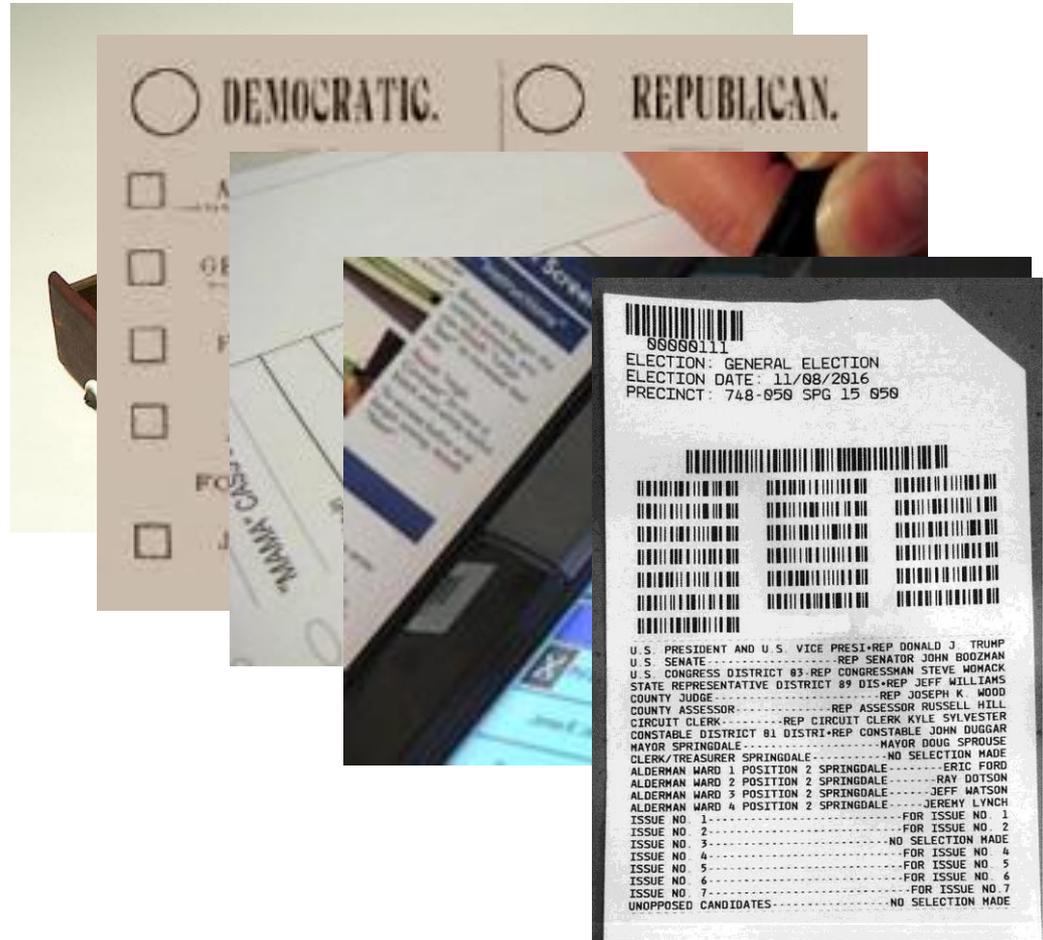
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What is a ballot?

What is a “cast ballot?”

When is it considered “cast?”

What does “cast even mean?”



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Code of Virginia § 24.2-671.1. Audits of ballot scanner machines.

A. The Department of Elections shall coordinate a post-election risk-limiting audit annually of ballot scanner machines in use in the Commonwealth. The localities selected for the audit shall be chosen at random with every locality participating in the Department's annual audit at least once during a five-year period. The purpose of the audits shall be to study the accuracy of ballot scanner machines.

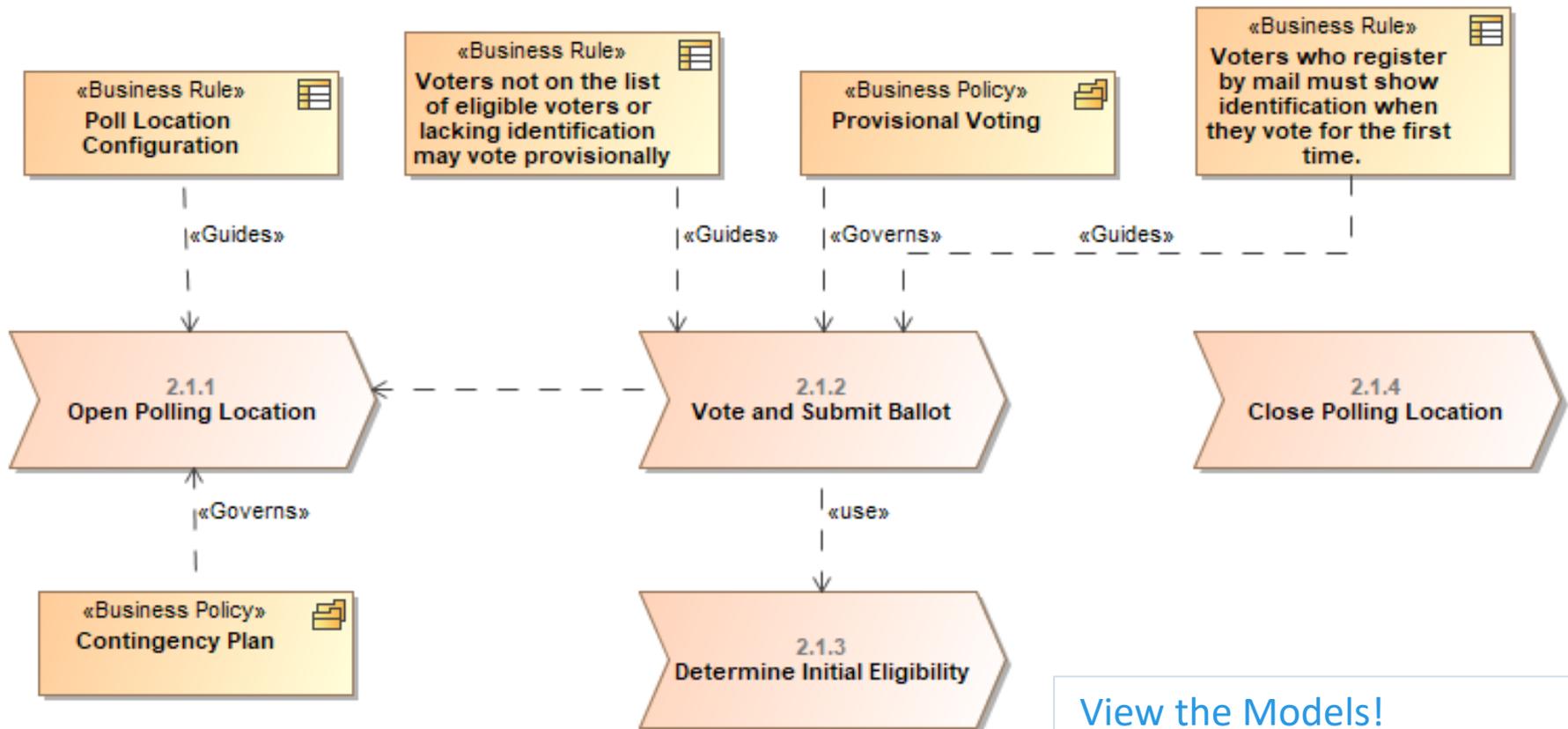
B. No audit conducted pursuant to this section shall commence until after the election has been certified and the period to initiate a recount has expired without the initiation of a recount. An audit shall have no effect on the election results

Process and Methodology

Examination of existing glossaries and definitions

- Previous VVSG glossaries
- NIST glossaries and terms
- EAVS definitions
- State statutes and procedural manuals
- William and Mary Law School
- BallotPedia
- FairVote

Discussion and Validation During Election Modeling Calls



[View the Models!](https://bit.ly/2IgKsmv)
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The Next VVSG Glossary

ballot

Presentation of the [contest](#) options for a particular [voter](#).

#vmsg

ballot counting logic

The software logic that defines the combinations of [voter](#) selections that are valid and invalid on a given [ballot](#) and that determines how the [vote](#) selections are totaled in a given [election](#).

#vmsg

ballot data

A list of contests and associated options that may appear on a [ballot](#) for a particular [precinct](#).

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The Expanded Glossary

Automatic voter registration

Bullet voting

Early voting vs. in-person absentee voting

Open vs. closed primary

Voter intent

How Can We Use This?

Election Administrators

- Provide a learning tool
- Provide a blueprint for elaboration
- Establish current and best practices
- Discover security gaps

NIST and EAC

- Identify Common Data Format (CDF) use-cases
- Serve to derive requirements for Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG)

How Can We Use This?

Academics

- Improved data collection
- Common understanding of terms in papers and for students

Legislators

- More precise terms → clearer legislative intent

Media

- More precise terms → better reporting → increased voter confidence in the process

Then What?

A plan for continual reevaluation and updating

How to integrate these terms into common usage?



Questions?

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