A Guide to Navigating the eBenchbook Site: Introduction

• This guide details how to navigate the content available on the eBenchbook site. For each covered state, we have assembled a complete set of election statutes along with explanatory annotations contributed by attorneys, state election administrators, and academics in the election field. Visitors to the site have the ability to explore election statutes either by topic or by code chapter. Under the Election Law Program’s guidance, William & Mary law students have compiled relevant case law, regulations, administrative guidance, and other materials that explain the election code’s operation. If you have questions not addressed in this guide, please contact Austin Graham at ragraham@wm.edu. We hope you enjoy the site!
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1. How Do I Browse the Election Codes?

Once a state is selected, visitors have the option of exploring the election code either by election law topic or by election code chapter. Additionally, visitors may use the search box to find a particular statute.
1.1 Browsing by Election Law Topic

Clicking an election law topic reveals relevant subtopics to allow visitors to narrow their search.
1.2 Browsing by Election Code Chapter

Alternatively, visitors can choose to navigate the statutes as they are organized by chapter in the election code.
2. What Content Is Available for a Statute?

When a statute is selected, visitors are presented with an overview of the code section along with the full statutory text. If applicable, supplementary materials related to the code section are accessible through the flyout menu on the right side of the page (or simply by scrolling down the page).

Flyout Menu Presentation
2.1 Supplementary Materials

Supplementary materials available include case law; constitutional provisions; regulations; and attorney general guidance. Where available, links to complete versions of the resources are provided.
2.2 Statutory Annotations

Visitors may view annotations made by election law experts by clicking any highlighted text within a code section.

These annotations provide insight and context beyond the plain statutory language.

§ 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents, office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy supervisors; duties.

(1) A supervisor of elections shall be elected in each county at the general election in each year the number of which is a multiple of four for a term beginning on the first Tuesday in the month of January in the year succeeding his or her election. Each supervisor shall, before performing any of his or her duties, take the oath prescribed in s. 5, Art. II of the State Constitution.

(2) The supervisor's compensation shall be paid by the board of county commissioners.

(3) The supervisor shall update voter registration information, enter new voter registrations into the statewide voter registration system, and act as the official custodian of documents received by the supervisor related to the registration of electors and changes in voter registration status of electors of the supervisor's county.

(a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be open Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, for a period of not less than 16 hours per day, beginning no later than 9 a.m.

(b) The supervisor shall preserve statements and other information required to be filed with the supervisor's office pursuant to chapter 106 for a period of 10 years from the date of record.

(4) The supervisor shall, upon written request of the supervisor, forward to the county auditors in the counties which are members of the county board of county commissioners a list of the names of all electors who have been registered in the county by the supervisor in the current year and the date of registration.
2.3 Statutory Definitions

When words or phrases are underlined in blue, they indicate a term defined within the election code.

Clicking on an underlined word reveals the term’s full statutory definition.
3. How Do I Pin Statutes?

Through the flyout menu, visitors have the ability to “pin” (or unpin) individual statutes in order to access them later.

Any pinned content is indicated at the top right corner of the page.
3.1. Pinning Continued

Pinning is especially useful if visitors want to compare statutes from different states.

My Pinned Statutes

Florida Statutes

- § 98.045 Administration of voter registration.

Virginia Statutes

- § 24.2-404 Duties of Department of Elections
4. What Are the Procedures & Remedies Tutorials?

Procedures & Remedies Tutorials are specific to each state. These guides provide an overview of state specific election litigation procedures. The guides are accessed through the top right corner of the page.