

Election Integrity Scorecard 2021
Election Hygiene status in Virginia
State of Virginia
Five Counties
Prince William, Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington, and Chesterfield
A quantitative and qualitative assessment
Chesterfield County under review

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1	<p>Viewer Polls have properly been vetted against any data rejection. Prince William County was sampled in 2020 and showed a 12% unlawful voters on the voting rolls</p>	<p>Although a County responsibility, no action by State is evident.</p>	<p>Election Commissioner queried multiple times with either no acknowledgment or an apparent understanding of the issue.</p>	<p>Election Commissioner queried multiple times and was very helpful and cooperative, but no action evident to date</p>	<p>Viewer Registrar and County Clerk employees transfer their FOIA requests. There was no direct correspondence with Election Board members. After several emails back and forth with Judicial Services personnel we progressed from "no public records exist" to learning that asking for "disqualified jurors" got a response. Loudoun upgraded their juror system in 2020 for which they attribute the jump of disqualified jurors between 2019 (18,211) and 2020 (24,307). To get the subcategories of those numbers they charged \$100. Fairfax County charged \$4 for a similar response, other counties provided more detailed responses at no charge. In Virginia administration systems to manage jurors vary by county, as do systems used by electronic courts and law enforcement. For improving accuracy of voter rolls, they provided an "Information Item" created and presented on the January 7, 2021 to the Loudoun County Electoral Board on current list maintenance activities and an "Action Item" presented and adopted at the March 25, 2021 of the Loudoun County Electoral Board to conduct an annual "Jury Notice Campaign" if</p>	<p>Voting Registrar and county clerk employees handled our FOIA requests. There was no direct correspondence with Election Board members. We received documentation of Va state guidelines and procedures for managing voter rolls, implying smooth operations excluding a 2019 glitch impacting OMR recently records of people identifying as non-citizens. It was remedied by reprogramming and adding new procedures.</p>																																																	
2	<p>Demonstration that County Voting Roll and State Oversight are healthy components, returns and database is free of errors of registration to confirm lawfulness of voters, and Voting Roll and procedures are compliant with 19.2-612. Two additional violations of Federal law are being willfully conducted by the State of Virginia. The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 require that voters must present valid identification at the time of registration. The levy of purging throughout legislation in 2020 signed by the Governor of Virginia overrode federal maintenance requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The new legislation requires that the voter registration form only have a box to check an eligibility with no evidence required. Therefore, the State is willfully not following Federal Law and allowing an unlawful enforcement to exist in the most sacred of citizens responsibilities in the United States.</p>	<p>State is willfully non-complying with Federal Law and willfully allowing unlawful citizens to vote in Federal Elections.</p>	<p>County is willfully non-complying with Federal Law and willfully allowing unlawful citizens to vote in Federal Elections.</p>	<p>County is willfully non-complying with Federal Law and willfully allowing unlawful citizens to vote in Federal Elections.</p>	<p>County is willfully non-complying with Federal Law and willfully allowing unlawful citizens to vote in Federal Elections.</p>																																																		
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4	<p>Remediation and response status of Department of Elections to the 2018 Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) report listed deficiencies and recommendations on F-146L. Some address legislative branch action, but many do have specific actions for the executive branch in Virginia. No demonstrated action at State level</p>	<p>JLARC report listed deficiencies and recommendations on F-146L. Some address legislative branch action, but many do have specific actions for the executive branch in Virginia. Several actions cite voter roll issues that are a key responsibility at the County level. No demonstrated action at the County level</p>	<p>JLARC report listed deficiencies and recommendations on F-146L. Some address legislative branch action, but many do have specific actions for the executive branch in Virginia. Several actions cite voter roll issues that are a key responsibility at the County level. No demonstrated action at the County level</p>	<p>JLARC report listed deficiencies and recommendations on F-146L. Some address legislative branch action, but many do have specific actions for the executive branch in Virginia. Several actions cite voter roll issues that are a key responsibility at the County level. No demonstrated action at the County level</p>	<p>JLARC report listed deficiencies and recommendations on F-146L. Some address legislative branch action, but many do have specific actions for the executive branch in Virginia. Several actions cite voter roll issues that are a key responsibility at the County level. No demonstrated action at the County level</p>																																																		
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Individual Criteria Score	Red	-2	Passing score = 0 or better
	Yellow	-1	
	Light Green	1	
	Green	2	

Overall Election Integrity Score	Red	-10 or lower	Pervasive weakness and broad untrustworthiness of election integrity parameters. Significant voter disenfranchisement. An election system in crisis
	Yellow	0 to -9	Substantive weakness in election environment, grave concern over election integrity and voter disenfranchisement
	Light Green	1 - 10	Beginnings of election integrity, but still issues to work on to improve voter inclusion
	Green	10 or higher	Substantive Election Integrity