2022 NASED Virtual Winter Conference

Defending Democracy: Protecting the Vote in Virginia

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Challenges to Democracy

GLOBAL PANDEMIC

FALSE INFORMATION

ELECTION SAFETY

CYBERSECURITY
Pre-Pandemic 2020

WE’RE ALL FREE TO VOTE ABSENTEE

No Excuse Absentee (Leg)
45 Days of Early Voting (Leg)
Witness Signature Waived (Court)
Goals AFTER Pandemic

Let the Voter
“Have it YOUR Way”
Legislative Accomplishments
2021 (Codified into Law)

• Absentee Cure Process
• “Drop-off” Locations
• Expanded Curbside Voting
• Absentee Reporting

• Ballot Pre-Processing
  • 20 – recommended
  • 21 – Required

• Medical Reserve Corps
  • Not Codified, but Continued Using
Regulatory Changes
Pandemic 2020

Intelligent Mail Barcodes & Official Election Insignia
Elections are run by your friends and neighbors; they are the people you work with and see at your neighborhood grocery store.
2021 Media Campaign

- Online Statewide
- Target Print Ads
- Radio
- TV Ads
- Social Media
Media Messengers
“The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.”

-Barbara Jordan, A Self-Portrait 1979
Thank You!

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Also, my Member Emeritus Registration Payment is in the mail...
Finally...

Good luck to Rob Rock, the last surviving member of the NASED Bald Caucus