1977 VOTER VALIDATION STUDY COVERSHEET

	ı.	INTERVIEWER'S LABEL	2. Place
			Hace of Election Official for this place.
YES	ю	Included in th	nis packet are:
		Comments?	ire (election administration survey)
liov !	liany? _	completed Individual Vo	oter Record forms
		you were able to obtain	ne Collected, along with the exterials
		completed Interviewer's	s Evaluation

SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48106	(Do Not Write in Above Space)
l. Interviewer's Label	2. Primary Area 3. Name of Place 4. Your Interview No.
	5. Date 6. Length of Interview(Minutes)

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SURVEY

EXACT	TIME	NOW:	

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SURVEY

In this interview we are collecting information about the characteristics of the place in which respondents to our 1976 Election Study reside. The topics we are interested in include voter registration and the conduct of primary and general elections.

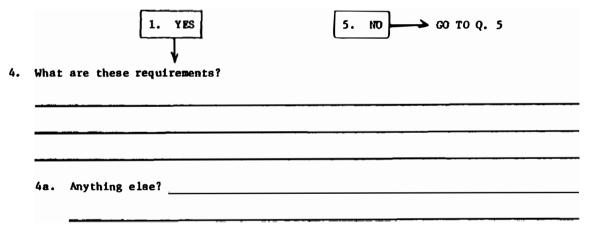
1. I'd like to begin by asking you some questions about voter registration. Are people in (NAME OF PLACE) required to be registered before they are eligible to vote in a general election?



2. How soon before a statewide general election must people in (NAME OF PLACE) be registered so that they can vote in that election?

DAY

3. Besides age and U.S. citizenship, are there other requirements people here must meet in order to be eligible to vote in a state or local general election?



- 5. If a person here wants to register to vote, during what periods of the year may he or she regularly do so?
 - 1. YEAR AROUND
 7.

6.	If a person wants to register t evening) may he or she <u>regularl</u>		s) of the day (or
	DAYS TIME(S) TO	DAYS	TIME(S) FROM TO
	tionday	FRI DAY	
	TUESDAY	SATURDAY	
	WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY	
	THURSDAY		
7.	Are there periods before a gene register to vote in that electi		
	1. YES	5. NO ->	со то Q. 10
8.	How soon before a general elect	ion do these extended or addi	tional hours begin?
	MONTHS	WEEKS	DAYS
9.	What are these extended or addi	tional hours?	
	DAY(S)	FROM TO)
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LO.	Where can a person in (NAME OF	PLACE) regularly go to regist	er to vote?
	NAME OF LOCATION	<u>,A</u>	<u>DDRESS</u>
			

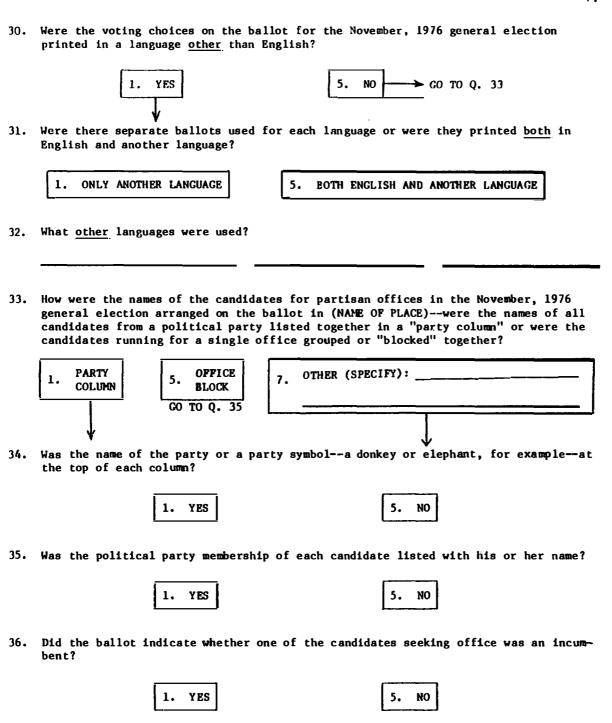
11.	Are there ways of registering or being registered to vote in (NAME OF PLACE) other than going to an office in person, ways such as being visited at home or being contacted by phone or by using mail or postcard registration?
	1. YES
12.	Would you briefly describe each of these other voter registration methods?
13.	Are there periods before a general election when <u>additional locations</u> are used to register voters here?
	1. YES 5. NO GO TO Q. 16
14.	How many additional locations are used?
15.	What are the names and addresses of these additional locations?
	NAME OF LOCATION ADDRESSES
16.	Do people here declare a political preference at the time they register to vote?
	1. YES 5. NO TURN TO P. 4, Q. 19A
17.	Must people choose a specific political party when they register or can they register as an "independent" or "uncommitted" voter?
	1. POLITICAL PARTY REQUIRED 5. POLITICAL PARTY OPTIONAL TURN TO P. 4. Q. 19A

18. (SHOW C	ARD 1)							
	When it comes to voting in primary elections in which two or more parties have candidates, are people in (NAME OF PLACE): (READ RESPONSES)							
	1. bound to vote in the primary of the party with which they are currently registered?							
	2. bound to vote in the primary of the party with which they are registered, but allowed to change their declaration of political preference just before voting?							
	3. not bound to vote in the primary of the party with which they are registered, but required to identify in which party's primary they wish to participate?							
	not bound to vote in the primary of the party they are registered with and not required to identify in which party's primary they wish to participate?							
<u> </u>	TURN TO P. 5, Q. 20							
19A. (SHOW (CARD #2)							
1	t comes to voting in primary elections in which two or more parties have ites, are people in (NAME OF PLACE): (READ RESPONSES)							
	1. required to identify in which political party's primary they wish to participate?							
	not required to identify in which political party's primary they wish to participate but can only vote in one party's primary?							
	3. able to vote for the candidates of more than one political party (for different offices)?							

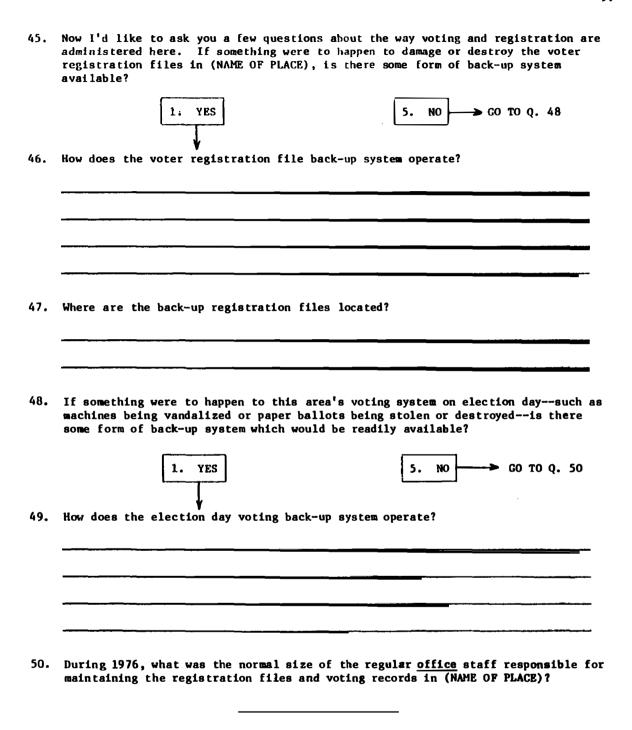
TURN TO P. 5, Q. 20

19B.	(SHOW CARD 2)
	When it comes to voting in primary elections in which two or more parties have candidates, are people in (NAME OF PLACE): (READ RESPONSES)
	1. required to identify in which political party's primary they wish to participate?
	2. not required to identify in which political party's primary they wish to participate but can only vote in one party's primary?
	3. able to vote for the candidates of more than one political party (for different offices)?
Ь	TURN TO P. 6, Q. 26
20.	Once people have registered to vote in (NAME OF PLACE), must they re-register to vote after a certain period of time even though they always vote?
	1. YES
21.	₩ How long is this period of time?
	YEARS MONTHS
22.	Are the names of people registered to vote in (NAME OF PLACE) ever deleted from the voter registration lists?
	1. YES 5. NO TURN TO P. 6, Q. 27
23.	What are the rules for deciding whose names should be deleted from the voter registration lists?
	23a. Anything else?

When ar	e their na	mes deleted?		
Are the	registrat n files ke	ion records of po pt in a "dead" o	eople who have	been removed from the voter reg le or are they simply discarded
1. K	EPT IN A "	DEAD" OR "INACTI	VE" FILE	5. DISCARDED
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37.	In the November, 1976 general election did a person have to cast individual votes for <u>each office</u> or was it possible to vote a <u>"straight party ticket"</u> with a single lever, mark, or punch?
	1. A SINGLE LEVER, MARK OR PUNCH IF VOLUNTEERED: TWO OR MORE LEVERS, MARKS, OR PUNCHES 5. INDIVIDUAL VOTES
38.	Was there a primary election for statewide offices here preceding the November 2, 1976 general election?
	1. YES 5. NO GO TO Q. 42
39.	At that time how many political parties held primaries contested by two or more candidates?
	NUMBER
40.	Which political parties were they?
41.	Were there any nonpartisan primary races on the ballot?
	1. YES 5. NO
42.	Is there a law in (NAME OF PLACE) which allows people to take time off from work to vote on election day?
	1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW
	TURN TO P. 9, Q. 45
43.	Does this law apply only to general elections or to other elections as well?
	1. ONLY TO GENERAL ELECTIONS 5. OTHER ELECTIONS 8. DON'T KNOW
44.	Does this law include a provision for people to be paid their regular wages for the time they miss from work because they are voting?
	1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW



	TYPE OF REGULAR STAFF	NUMBER
	FULL-TIME	
	PART-TIME	
52.	Did this staff devote all or most of (files and voting records?	their time to maintaining the registration
	1. YES, "ALL" OR "MOST"	5. NO
53.		up to the November, 1976 general election, an polling place officials added to the staff for that election?
	1. YES	5. NO GO TO Q. 55
54.	How many full-time and how many part- staff (again, not including polling pl	time temporary employees were added to the lace officials)?
	TYPE OF TEMPORARY STAFF	NUMBER
	FULL-TIME	
	PART-TIME	:
55.	On Election Day November 2, 1976how work at the polls and assist in the co	w many people were hired for this office to onduct of the election?
		NUMBER
56.	How are the people hired to work on El nated by the political parties, taken	lection Day normally chosenare they nomi- from civil service lists, or what?
	1. NOMINATED BY POLITICAL PARTIES	3. TAKEN FROM CIVIL SERVICE LISTS
	OTHER (SPECIFY):	
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51. How many of these people were full-time and how many part-time employees?

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	full-time, part-	time, o	r temporary wo	rker in thi	s office?	What about	•
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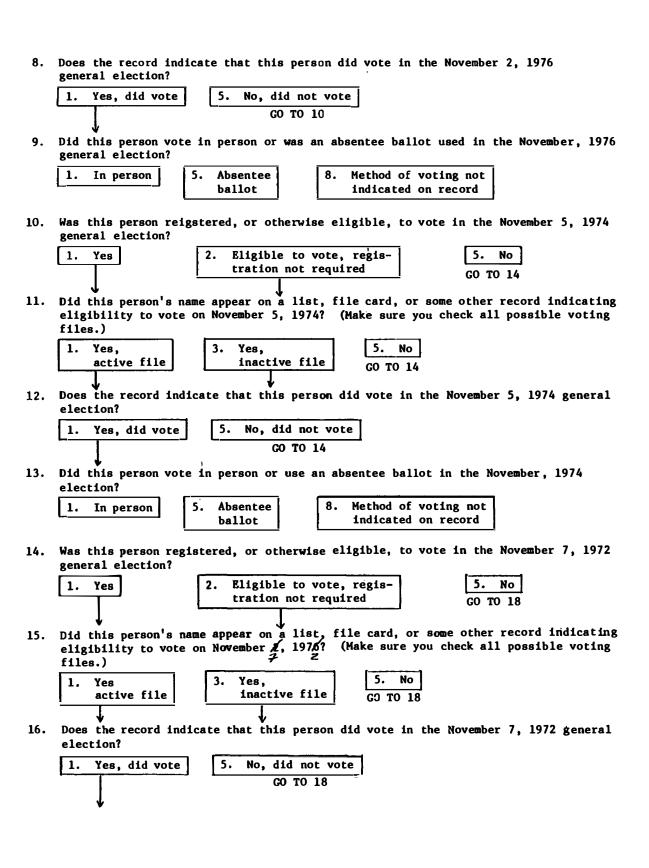
60. We are interested in obtaining a list of the dates of each of the elections in which a voter from (NAME OF PLACE) might have participated since January, 1972. Could you please tell me the date for both primary and general elections that have been held for statewide, county and local offices here between January, 1972 and November 2, 1976? We do not need information for elections held solely for special administrative districts, such as school or drainage districts.

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61. THUMBNAIL SKETCH:

INDIVIDUAL VOTER RECORD

Interviewer's Label Respondent's Label 1. Was there a voter registration record available for the person whose name is on this label? Yes No, registration No record available not required In which ward and/or precinct In which ward and/or precinct did this person reside? did this person reside? Precinct Precinct Ward Ward GO TO 7 Was this person registered, or otherwise eligible, to vote in the November 2, 1976 general election? Yes 5. No CO TO 10 4. Which political party was this person registered as belonging to? Democratic 3. "Independent" 5. Republican 7. Other, specify: Record does not indicate 2. "Uncommitted" 6. political preference When did this person first register to vote? Information Month Day Year not available What was the recorded date of birth for this person? Not recorded Month Day Year Did this person's name appear on a list, file card, or some other record indicating eligibility to vote on November 2, 1976? (Make sure you check all possible voting files.) 5. No Yes, 1. 3. Yes, inactive file active file



17. Did this person vote in person or use an absentee ballot in the November, 1972 general election?

1. In person

- 5. Absentee ballot
- 8. Method of voting not indicated on record
- 18. List by date all of the <u>additional</u> recorded instances of this person voting between January, 1972 and November 2, 1976. For each officially recorded instance of voting also indicate the method of voting, when available, used for that election.

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NAME	OF	PLACE:	
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Interviewer's Label

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED

Col- lected	Used but not Avail- able	Not Used		
			1.	VOTER REGISTRATION
				a. Obtain a copy of a booklet or information sheet which lists the requirements a citizen in (NAME OF PLACE) must meet to be able to register to vote.
				b. Also pick up a copy of the form(s) used to register voters.
			2.	INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPUTY/TEMPORARY REGISTRARS
				a. If deputy or temporary registrars are used in (NAME OF PLACE), try to obtain a list of the qualifications and a description of any training necessary to qualify for the position.
				b. Also try to get a copy of any rules and/or procedures which deputy or temporary registrars must follow.
			3.	REGISTRATION FIGURES
				Try to get a copy of a document with the number of people preferably by precinct, or ward if there are no precincts, who were registered to vote in the November, 1976 general election.
			4.	INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS
				Pick up any booklets, pamphlets, printed or mimeographed materials available for or mailed to registered voters which were intended to instruct or assist the voters or give them information about the November, 1976 general election.
			5.	ABSENTEE BALLOTS
				a. Collect copies of the rules and/or procedures for obtaining an absentee ballot in (NAME OF PLACE) and any instructions given to the voters about preparing and casting (voting) their absentee ballot.
				b. Also obtain a copy of the form a voter in (NAME OF PLACE) must complete in order to apply for an absentee ballot.
			6.	INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDICAPPED OR ELDERLY OR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSONS
				If there are any in (NAME OF PLACE), pick up a copy of the special regulations or procedures and/or a description of the special facilities used to assist handicapped or elderly or non-English speaking voters to register to vote and/or cast their ballot.
			7.	INSTRUCTIONS FOR POLLING PLACE OFFICIALS
				a. Try to obtain a list of the qualifications necessary to become a poll official in (NAME OF PLACE).
				b. Also try to get a copy of any rules and/or procedures which the poll officials must follow.

Col- lected	Used but not Avail- able	Not Used		
			8.	INSTRUCTIONS FOR POLL WATCHERS OR CHALLENGERS
				Determine if there are any requirements a person in (NAME OF PLACE) must meet to qualify as a poll "watcher" or "challenger." If so, obtain a copy of them. [A poll watcher or challenger is someone assigned, usually by a political party, to watch the official proceedings at the polling place and challenge—or question—the credentials and/or any actions taken by either a voter or a polling place official which seem improper or illegal. They may also be there to record the names of the voters for their political party.]
			9.	SAMPLE BALLOT
				Try to obtain the "sample" ballot(s) for the general election held on November 2, 1976. A sample ballot may be either a copy of a paper ballot, a facsimile of the ballot that would appear in a voting machine, or an absentee ballot, or any combination of these different forms.
			10.	STATUTORY REGULATIONS
				If they are conveniently assembled in one or a few pamphlets or printed sheets, pick up copies of any local or state regulations which pertain to the conduct of elections in (NAME OF PLACE). In some areas the actual texts of the regulations may not be available but the Officer or Clerk may be able to give you the "citation" (where they can be found) to the statutes. Please record this information:
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			11.	ELECTION DISTRICT MAP
				Get a copy of the map(s) which display the boundaries of the local election districts as they existed in November, 1976. Local election districts are the smallest units used in the administration of elections and tabulation of the votes. Usually they are wards and/or precincts. They are not necessarily the boundaries for every political officee.g., state representative, county commissioner, and the like.
			12.	POLLING PLACES
				Obtain a list of each polling place and its address within the jurisdiction of (NAME OF PLACE) which was used in the November, 1976 general election.
			13.	VOTING RETURNS
				Try to get a copy of a document with the final election results for the November, 1976 general election for each precinct (or ward if there are no precincts) in (NAME OF PLACE).

NAME	OF PLACE:				
	INTE	RVIEWER'S	EVALUATION		
1.	How helpful or of how much assi responsible for maintaining the				
		Very Helpful (1)	Somewhat Helpful (2)	Not Very Helpful (3)	Not Helpful At All (4)
	a. answering your questions?				
	b. providing you with re- quested materials?		•		
	c. assisting you in checking individual registration and voting records?				
2.	If you answered (3) or (4) to a	•		ase explain	:
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	Were the <u>registration</u> records i 1. All records 2. Most re				4. No records
	available 2. Most re			rew re- vailable	4. No records available
4.	Generally, in what condition di instance, were the records orga				

5. How were the registration records here maintained -- by computer or by hand (including typewriter)?

5. By hand or typed

1. By computer

7. Other, specify: _

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1. By computer	5. By hand or typed 7. Other, specify:
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	re the records missing pieces of information which they were <u>su</u> y other way incomplete?
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