

WORKSHOP ON EXPERIENCES AT REGISTRATION PLACES

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Marshall Room

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Summary of Administrative Obstacles Pertinent to Experiences at Registration Places

The following are included among the restrictive administrative practices documented by the League Education Fund report "Administrative Obstacles to Voting":

- o inconvenient hours for registration; no Saturday or evening hours in a majority of communities (see pp. 7-8 and Table A on p.9 of the League report);
- o poorly trained staff often unable to help the prospective voter with questions and problems re registration and voting (see Table E on p.17 and p.18 of the League report);
- o inaccurate registration lists which hinder volunteer citizen efforts to mount effective registration drives and outreach programs (see p.15 of the League report);
- o failure of local election officials to provide bilingual assistance where needed;
- o local officials' limited use of out-of-office techniques such as mobile and temporary registration units and voluntary deputy registrars (see p.15 of the League report);
- o the lack of information services to voters regarding registration and voting requirements (in 89% of communities surveyed, election officials did not publish a voter information guide)

Major Issue of Workshop: the failure of state and local election officials to go the full limit of their legal powers to aggressively extend registration opportunities to every eligible citizen.

Workshop Assignments

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