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1,829 Virgin Islanders Voted Early This Election Cycle, Election System Says

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The Election System of the USVI has announced that a total of 1,829 Virgin Islanders voters early for the 2020 Democratic Primary Election. The primary election is scheduled for Saturday, August 1.

The breakdown of ballots cast during early voting per district is as follows: St. Thomas –847, St. Croix -945 and St. John –37, according to the Election System.

On election day, voting centers will open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A voting center is an alternative to the traditional, neighborhood-based precincts, the Election System said. Voters are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the voting machine or the voting process before election day.

Due to COVID-19, the Elections System said it has placed the necessary health and safety protocols in place to ensure the safety of the voters and poll workers. Supervisor of Elections Caroline Fawkes is asking all voters to comply with the protocols at the Voting Centers. Masks or facial covering must be worn correctly covering the nose and mouth, hands sanitized before entry, temperature screening and 6ft social distancing, the Election System said.

Ms. Fawkes thanked all electors who came in to cast their ballots early. "The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was indeed a vital instrument of democracy, ensuring the integrity and reliability of a democratic process that we as a Country hold so dear," she said, quoting Charles B. Rangel.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Election System offices at 340-773-1021 (St. Croix) or 340-774- 3107 (St. Thomas). Visit the System's website at www.vivote.gov for 2020 Primary Election updates.

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