

9. Long Ballots:

One of the annoying aspects of voting in America is that ballots are frequently long and people are asked to vote for candidates they never heard of who are running for offices they rarely think about. As examples, judges, coroners, members of school boards and countless others. This is in addition, to referendums and initiatives that may be on the ballot. Often people do not vote or they vote blindly.

For democracy to work, people must vote wisely. This requires that the ballot be as short as possible. In general, ballots should be limited to the chief executive (president, governor, mayor, county commissioner), and members of the legislature (Senators, Representatives, Delegates, etc.). It would probably be wise to have governors and other state officials who serve four year terms elected in the off years between presidential elections.