



Hidalgo County Elections Department

Central Counting Station Plan



Procedures for Central Counting Station under TEXAS ELECTION CODE SEC. 127.007:

I. Introduction:

a. The Central Counting Station will be located at:

- i. Hidalgo County Elections Department Office
 1. 101 S. 10th Ave, Edinburg, Texas
 2. Office phone number: 956 318 2570

b. Elections Administrator

- i. Yvonne Ramon, CERA

II. Roles and Responsibilities of Personnel:

a. Central Counting Station Manager:

- i. Will manage overall administration of station and supervision of personnel.

b. Presiding Judge:

- i. Will maintain order at Central Counting Station and administer oaths. Receives ballot boxes.

c. Tabulation Supervisor:

- i. Will operate the automatic tabulating equipment and run results reports on the tabulator.

d. Assistant Tabulation Supervisor:

- i. Will assist the Tabulation Supervisor

e. Central Counting Station Clerks:

- i. Will count signatures on Combination forms and compare them to the Ballot and seal certificate and then sort ballots and get them ready for counting by the Tabulation Supervisor.

III. General Rules of Conduct:

- a. Follow all rules and regulations as per Texas Election Code.
- b. Follow all rules and regulations as per Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Elections Department.
- c. Be courteous and respectful to all.
- d. No electronic devices or cell phones are allowed in area while ballots are being processed for counting. Devices must be turned off or secured outside room.

IV. Security Procedures:

- a. Upon entering Central Counting Station everyone is required to sign in and sign out when exiting.



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- b. Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the Central Counting Station, to include but not limited to:
 - i. Precinct election officers delivering locked and sealed ballot boxes
 - ii. Poll Watchers and Inspectors
 - iii. Law enforcement personnel summoned
 - iv. Staff from Secretary of State office
 - v. Federal Observers
 - vi. Election Department Personnel delivering supplies
 - vii. Law enforcement personnel delivering supplies will be allowed in the Central Counting Station.
 1. Anyone else will be asked to leave and if not a law enforcement officer will be summoned.

V. Paper ballots

- a. Scan paper ballots by batches of 100 or less.
- b. Do any adjudication as necessary.
- c. Secure ballots and Vdrives in vault.

VI. Procedures for Verity machines:

a. At the end of Early Voting:

- i. After closing polls Early Voting Judges will bring back Controllers to Elections Department office.
- ii. Controllers are to be secured all times.
- iii. Early Voting Judges will deliver Controllers to the Tabulation Supervisor.
- iv. Tabulation Supervisor will remove seal to Vdrive compartment, and then secure Vdrives in Vault.
- v. Tabulation Supervisor will read in Vdrives from Early Voting and Count with tabulate off.
- vi. Tabulation Supervisor will secure Vdrives in vault.

b. At the end of Election Day:

- i. After closing polls Election Day Judges will bring back Controllers to Elections Department office.
- ii. Controllers are to be secured all times.
- iii. Election Day Judges will deliver Controllers to Assistant Tabulation Supervisor.
- iv. Assistant Tabulation Supervisor will remove seal to Vdrive compartment and deliver them to Tabulation Supervisor.
- v. Tabulation Supervisor will read in Vdrives with tabulate on and occasionally do website updates if needed.
- vi. Tabulation Supervisor will secure Vdrives in vault.