



POLICY FOR CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC LOGIC & ACCURACY TEST

The public test is provided to insure transparency in the election testing process. It is not a time for attendees to ask questions or voice concerns. It is an opportunity for the public to view the testing process. If any attendee is disruptive to the testing process they will be asked to leave. Video recording is not allowed during the public test for security reasons.

The Public Test is conducted in accordance with TEC Sec.129.023 and Subchapter D, Ch. 127.

Notice of Public Test will be posted in accordance with TEC Sec. 129.023(b) and (b-1). Notice will be posted in the Elections Administration Office and on <https://elections.brazoscountytexas.gov/>.

Test deck will be prepared by the Elections Administrator to insure that every candidate receives a vote, and every race receives an undervote and an overvote. Each candidate will receive a unique number of votes. The test deck will be tallied by the Elections Administrator to obtain the results.

Testing board shall be comprised of a representative from each party (Sec 129.023(a)), a representative of each entity on the ballot, IT staff, Election Administration staff, the central count manager and tabulator supervisor.

The hash validation test will be performed by IT Staff. Once the hash is verified the election is loaded onto a controller and a scan. Zero report is printed from Verity Scan and the Controller and verified by the central count manager. Polls are opened as an election day location. The pre-marked ballots are used as a template to vote on the Verity DUO. After all ballots have been voted the polls are closed, report printed and signed off on by the central count manager. V-drives are removed and given to IT staff to upload. The pre-marked ballots are scanned and tabulated. Zero report is printed from Count. The v-drive from the Verity Scan and the v-drive from the scanned ballots are uploaded into Count. Report is printed from the Count computer. The printed report is compared to the Election Administrator's tally. If any discrepancy the cause must be determined.

Once a successful test is completed the test deck, voted ballots and v-drives are placed in an envelope and locked in the cabinet in the programming room. After final tally has occurred the records will be retained for 22 months as required by law with all other election records.