

Name of Form:

Certification of Public Logic and Accuracy Test, Hash Validation and First Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Section Reference:

Section 127.092, 127.093(b), 127.094, 27.095, 127.096, 127.097, 127.1231, 129.023, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

Hash Validation: To demonstrate that the source code of the equipment has not been altered from the version certified by both the state and federal government.

Public Logic and Accuracy Test: To provide proof that the ballot is programmed correctly and that all contests and races record votes accurately.

First Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment: To demonstrate that the tabulating equipment accurately counts ballots and functions properly.

Number of Copies Required:

One

Completed by:

Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station and the General Custodian of Election Records in counties that have a Central Counting Station.

Counties Without a Central Counting Station as Described in Chapter 127, Subchapter F

If a county or political subdivision does not use a Central Counting Station, only the General Custodian of Election Records will attest to the completion of the hash validation, Public Logic and Accuracy Test and the First Test of Automatic Tabulation Equipment. Each unit of automatic tabulating equipment shall be tested, using all applicable ballot formats, in accordance with the testing procedures prescribed in the Texas Election Code.

Filing Date:

Upon completion of test

Filed with:

Retain the test materials in a sealed container so that the test media can be run again for the Second and Third Tests of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment.

Comments:

Once all candidate filing deadlines have passed, it is recommended that the General Custodian practice the hash validation and conduct the Pretest/Proofing L&A as soon as possible.

Version:

Current form is date 9/2023*.

**Previous version of the form dated 7/2023 may still be used.*