

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NON-ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
FOR THE GILLESPIE COUNTY, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Whereas We the People of Gillespie County in partnership with the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Gillespie County desire to ensure, ACCURATE, TRANSPARENT and AUDITABLE elections for the November General Election, November 5, 2024.

Whereas Gillespie County's current voting processes are dependent upon an expensive, proprietary, overly complex "blackbox" electronic voting system that uses encrypted codes unreadable by the human eye and where the election results are unverifiable.

Whereas the Hart InterCivic Verity 2.5 voting system is approved for use through grossly inadequate certification and security procedures, creates an unnecessary security risk with unacceptable opportunities for undetectable error and nefarious activity, and is impossible to maintain or operate without support from vendors due to its proprietary complexity requiring us to rely on a third-party entity to program the machines with no government oversight.

Whereas with the use of electronic voting systems that can be hacked and that use motherboards and circuitry that may be made in China, it is impossible for the electorate to know whether the declared winner reflects the intent of the majority of the people who legally cast their vote in the race.

Whereas removing all digital poll pads, optical scanners, and automated tabulators

- Avoids equipment breakdowns,
- Avoids the need to require equipment tests, maintenance, upgrades, and programming incurring those additional recurring expenses,
- Allows for human eyes to look at each vote on each ballot.
- Allows for manual counting by concerned volunteer citizens who have an interest in the integrity of the vote

Whereas at a moment when public trust in elections is crucial and recent polls show that a great percentage of the population across party lines has lost faith in our elections.

Whereas the Gillespie County GOP successfully ran the 2024 Super Tuesday Primary without digital poll pads, optical scanners or automated tabulators implementing the ECHO 65 Hand Count Method approved by the Texas Secretary of State, with a 100% hand counting of the primary ballots; until recently, hand counting has historically been the practice in Texas and Gillespie County since 1879.

(Note: Federal Elections require the ADA electronic device, just none of the other electronic devices)

Whereas the Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable.

Whereas the Texas Constitution calls for voting systems to promote the identification and prosecution of fraud and voting machines do not support our constitution in this manner.

Therefore, We the People of Gillespie County Texas, Pursuant to the Constitution of Texas and for the security and the integrity of our elections, assert our right for hand counted paper ballots which will increase confidence in our election results and do hereby call for:

- The immediate removal of ALL digital poll pads, optical scanners and automated tabulators both during early voting and on election day.
- Precinct level voting (no county-wide polling place program),
- The use of paper poll books printed for each precinct, fixed 30 days before the election period and combination forms.
- Three copies of the combination form to be marked when each voter comes to vote
- Hand-marked, sequentially numbered paper ballots preprinted on counterfeit-resistant paper, each signed by an election judge.
- Tabulation of ballots by hand count at the precinct level, without optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.
- Following the Texas Election Code Chapter 65 or ECHO 65 Hand Count Method procedures
- Verifying vote results with random hand counts and robust audits, which will result in an election process that is transparent, accurate, verifiable, and holds officials and voters accountable.
- This will make Gillespie County a leader in election integrity – as it should be!

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