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Questions Related to the Purchase of HART Verity Voting Systems, or Other Electronic Voting Systems Prepared by TBTX in Conjunction with County Initiatives Already in Place

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

Article 6, Section 2(c) "The privilege of free suffrage shall be protected by laws regulating elections and prohibiting under adequate penalties all undue influence in elections from power, bribery, tumult, or other improper practice."

Our Texas Elections should be transparent, simple and secure. If these voting machine systems over-complicate the process of casting a ballot, the County should heavily consider abandoning them for a return to hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots. All Party Precinct Chairs shall be ordered to work elections to provide for enough staff with a vested interest in administering lawful elections.

SCOPE OF OPERATION

What is the Scope of Operation that will be allocated to HART in the County's Elections? Tarrant County has opted out of allowing HART total control of all aspects by using a separate poll book system. Independent examinations shall be authorized and not resisted. All HART contracted companies shall be made available to the County for their understanding.

1. Record Preparation and Production - Who Oversees this Process? Which Contractors does HART/ ES&S Utilize? Request/ Demand a List with all Appropriate Certifications Attached.
2. Tabulation and Reporting - Which Contractors does HART/ ES&S Utilize? Do They Use SCYTL?
3. Poll Book Data - Which Program is Used to Monitor Voter Rolls? How Does HART/ ES&S communicate with the SOS Statewide Registration Database Software? Request Documentation.

LAWFUL PROCESSES

Does HART adhere to Texas and National Constitutions in the production and building of their equipment and software, and then in the preparation of election records?

1. Ballot Numbering and Preparation - TX Election Codes 52.062 and 62.009 - Will HART/ ES&S Adhere to The Ballot Numbering Laws?
2. Production of Records - Early Voting Results Tapes - TX Advisory Code 2019-13 Section 6, SubSection5(b) - Will HART/ ES&S Agree to Produce These Result Tapes?
3. Paper Audit Trails - Will HART/ ES&S Produce Cumulative Reports by Polling Location in Counties using CWPP (CountyWide Polling Place Location)?

TECHNICAL CONCERNS

1. Public Testing - Will the Public be Allowed Access to these Tests before Elections? Is the Testing Kit available to the Public to examine for proper testing procedures?
2. Independent Examination of Hardware and Software - Will a 3rd Party, Chosen by the County, be Allowed Access to the Software and Hardware if the County so Desires? Will this nullify the State Certification and How Will Examination Nullify the State Certification? Does HART/ ES&S comply with EAC VVSG (Voluntary Voting System Guidelines) as Established by the EAC? Request Documentation.
3. Election Builds - How Transparent is the Software Used to Build Elections? Does the County Have Access?
4. What Upgrades Can HART/ ES&S Predict Will be Needed After the Contracted Software is Purchased and Utilized? Will HART/ ES&S make the Proposed Upgrades Available to County Officials to Review?

RECOURSE

Build The Following Demands Into the Contract if you Choose to Purchase HART/ ES&S Systems.

"No aspect of our Elections shall be protected from public scrutiny. All proposed upgrades to contracted voting systems shall be presented to the County Election Commission and Board with public hearings for debate over adoption of proposed upgrades. The County does reserve the right to cancel this contract within one year if HART/ ES&S systems or processes effectively eliminate the County's ability to conduct a full forensic audit of the results and software used to administer the election. This cancellation will include a full refund of the entire purchase order and will require HART/ ES&S to arrange for the retrieval of their equipment within thirty days of the cancellation notice being received."