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H.B. No. 376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the plan for the operation of a central counting  
3 station.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 127.007, Election Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (e)  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The plan required under this section must include:

9 (1) information on [address] the process for comparing  
10 the number of voters who signed the combination form or electronic  
11 poll list with the number of votes cast for the entire election;

12 (2) who will provide information to the presiding  
13 judge of the central counting station to complete the  
14 reconciliation of votes and voters conducted under Section  
15 127.131(f);

16 (3) the date, time, and location of the second and  
17 third logic and accuracy tests to be conducted at the central  
18 counting station or regional tabulating center serving the central  
19 counting station and the procedures regarding an unsuccessful logic  
20 and accuracy test;

21 (4) the date, time, and place the central counting  
22 station will operate before, on, and after election day, as  
23 applicable;

24 (5) the names of the tabulation supervisor, central

1 counting station manager, presiding judge, and alternate presiding  
2 judge and the party affiliations of the presiding judge and  
3 alternate presiding judge in the central counting stations and  
4 regional tabulating center serving the central counting station, as  
5 applicable;

6           (6) the procedure regarding ballot security,  
7 including ballot storage and chain of custody procedures from the  
8 time the central counting station or regional tabulating center  
9 receives a sealed ballot box under Section 127.068 through the  
10 period for preserving the precinct election records under Section  
11 66.058; and

12           (7) information regarding the livestream available to  
13 the public under Section 127.1232.

14           (c) Not later than the fifth day before election day:

15           (1) the [The] plan required under this section must be  
16 posted on the county's Internet website in the same location that  
17 the county clerk provides information on elections held by the  
18 county; and

19           (2) a copy of the plan, including the contact  
20 information of the persons described by Subsection (b)(5), must be  
21 provided to the members of the county election board [~~available to~~  
22 ~~the public on request not later than 5 p.m. on the fifth day before~~  
23 ~~the date of the election]~~.

24           (d) If a plan required by this section is revised after the  
25 date the plan is posted in accordance with Subsection (c), the  
26 county's Internet website must be updated to include:

27           (1) the plan with incorporated revisions; and

1           (2) either:

2                   (A) a list with the date of each revision and the  
3 section revised; or

4                   (B) a revised version of the plan conspicuously  
5 displaying each revision and the date of those revisions.

6           (e) The contact information of a person described by  
7 Subsection (b)(5) is not subject to disclosure under Chapter [552](#),  
8 Government Code.

9           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.