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H.B. No. 376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the plan for the operation of a central counting station.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.