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Public Logic & Accuracy Test:

Pursuant to 101.5612, Florida Statutes, we are required to publicly test a representative sample of our voting tabulation equipment (e.g., the DS300, DS850/DS950 and ExpressVote) to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and measures. This is in addition to ALL voting tabulation equipment that is internally tested before any election. The Public Test must be conducted within 10 days of the commencement of Early Voting (or Election Day if the municipalities opt out of early voting).

The County Canvassing Board oversees the test and approves the test plan prior to each election cycle.

Public notice of the Logic & Accuracy test is published on www.pascovotes.gov. Each candidate and Political Party Chairs are given notice of the date, location, and time of the public test. Additionally, the proceedings are open to the public.

The SOE staff prepares a “test deck” that contain mark sense and ExpressVote ballots for each ballot style. The ballots are marked to give a pre-determined total of votes to each candidate and issue. The “test deck” ballots are then tabulated using the DS300 and DS850/DS950. The test decks are also processed through the automated independent audit system.

A report is produced and presented to the County Canvassing Board who verifies that all printed test totals match a prepared listing of expected vote totals. Once approved by the County Canvassing Board, they sign a document attesting to the accuracy of the tabulation equipment. The materials used are securely stored and each tabulation machine utilized in the Public Logic & Accuracy Test are set to a state of election readiness, sealed, and secured until deployment for early voting or election day.

