



The Jackson County Supervisor of Elections office strives to provide a responsive, transparent, and a professional approach to conducting elections. We also strive to inspire trust and confidence in the accuracy, efficiency, and fairness of all elections. Our goal is to promote maximum participation of all eligible citizens in the election process here in Jackson County.

How do we ensure integrity in the election process? Listed below are several key factors that play a vital role in this process.

Transparency:

- **Openness in Operations:** All official canvassing board meetings and activities are open to the public. This includes the Logic and Accuracy Public Testing of our voting equipment and system, Vote-By-Mail Canvassing, and our Post-election Audit.
- **Website –** Our website offers real-time voter turnout and beginning at 7:00 p.m. you can watch the initial unofficial election results posted to include Early Voting, Vote-By-Mail, and Election Day polling places with frequent updates.

Integrity of the Voter Rolls

The Florida Division of Elections checks each voter registration application to verify the applicant's identity and works with other agencies to identify deceased voters and felons who are ineligible to vote.

- **Statutory List maintenance/Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**
- **Voters are required to show photo and signature identification to vote.**
- **Electronic poll books are used in all election day precincts to update a voter's record in real-time to flag them as voted. The same works for any voter that votes by mail or votes early during the early voting period and prevents a voter from having the ability to vote twice.**

Secure, Accurate and Timely Results

- **The coding of an election is performed solely by Election Systems and Software and the ballots are transmitted to our office through a secure portal.**
- **Our state-certified equipment is tested before each election with public logic and accuracy testing to make sure our voting machines are counting votes correctly. During this test, we put pre-marked ballots in a sample of our machines to ensure they are counting correctly and that all positions are being read by the tabulators. Additionally, every piece of equipment that will be used in the election is tested internally by SOE staff members prior to each election.**

- Upon completion of all testing, all equipment is locked and sealed with pre-recorded seals.
- Prior to the opening of the polls on Election Day, SOE Election workers verify the equipment is locked and verify the seal #'s are intact and accurate. They also verify the tabulators are in a “zero state” (e.g. no previous votes cast on that machine for that election).
- Our ballots and our equipment are under 24-hour camera surveillance and stored in areas with restricted key card access or keyed entry until they are deployed for voting. During voting, our ballot scanners are kept in plain sight, monitored by our Poll Workers, and secured with seals to prohibit tampering.
- Our voter registration system is not connected to our tabulation system. We use a stand-alone server, not connected to the Internet, to tabulate and report results. When the polls close on Election Day, each polling place transmits the unofficial results to the SOE office through a secure cellular modem connection in a brief encrypted burst.
- The results tape from each ballot scanner are encrypted and backed up by paper copies. Per Florida law, one copy of the printed unofficial results tape is posted on the door of each polling place. All election media, paper ballots, and an additional copy of the unofficial results are returned to our office on election night.
- We vote on hand-marked paper ballots that are held for 22 months and can be re-scanned if there is a problem with the equipment or question about results.

Audits

In addition to auditing and reconciling all voter activity from each early voting site and Election Day polling place, we also conduct a myriad of other audits. These include:

- History vs. Tabulation
 - *# of voters to # of ballots*
- Polling Place Unofficial Results
 - *DS200 Unofficial Results to Modemed Results*
- Vote-By-Mail
 - *# of VBM ballots received to # of VBM Ballots Tabulated*
- Duplicated Vote-By-Mail Ballots
 - *Staff & county canvassing board audits duplicated to original ballots*
- Election Certificates of Canvas
 - *Comparison of Printed certificates of Results to Tabulation*
- Results to the Department of State/Division of Elections
 - *Verification of Official Results: SOE to Department of State/Division of Elections*
- Post Certification Voting System Audit
 - *Randomly Selected Contest*
 - *Percentage of Precincts (randomly selected)*
 - *Manual tally of votes*