

January 5, 2005

(from postponed December 15, 2005 meeting)

**El Paso County
BOCC WORKSESSION**

ELECTIONS

BALLOTS STYLES

2005

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2004

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BALLOTS TYPES

Polling Place

Absentee

Provisional

Duplicate

Test Deck

Official Test Deck

BALLOTS ORDERED & CAST

2005	Ordered	Votes Cast	% of Total Voted	% Used
Poll Place	94,547	80,714	67.70%	85.37%
Absentee	67,981	25,127	21.08%	36.96%
Provisional	8,877	2,673	2.24%	30.11%
Duplicate Ballots	8,463			
Test Deck	2,770			
Official Test Deck	10,636			
Early Voted		10,530	8.83%	
COR		178	0.15%	
Total	193,274	119,222	100.00%	61.69%

BALLOTS ORDERED & CAST

2004	Ordered	Votes Cast	% of Total Voted	% Used
Poll Place	297,272	143,781	59.20%	48.37%
Absentee	172,674	61,747	25.42%	35.76%
Provisional	71,370	4,779	1.97%	6.70%
Duplicate Ballots	40,423			
Test Deck	614			
Official Test Deck	312			
Early Voted		32,065	13.20%	
COR		516	0.21%	
Total	582,665	242,888	100.00%	41.69%

BALLOT SHORTAGES - 2005

How many precincts reported ballot shortages?

- ☑ Thirty-three precincts needed 10 or fewer extra ballots
- ☑ Thirty-eight precincts needed 11-30 extra ballots
- ☑ Twenty-one precincts needed 31-50 extra ballots
- ☑ Five precincts needed 51-70 extra ballots
- ☑ Four precincts needed 71-101 extra ballots
- ☑ Extra Ballots were prepared for and deployed to 163 precincts; 35 were refused upon delivery
- ☑ Seventy precincts used Provisional Ballots
- ☑ 93,621 ballots were originally deployed to Polling Places for Election Day
- ☑ 80,714 ballots Polling Place ballots were cast on Election Day

How were shortages handled?

(1) Polling Places Election Judges provided the option for voters to cast a Provisional Ballot

(2) Beginning at 1:00 pm on Election Day the Election office proceeded with a plan to provide additional ballots where shortages were occurring. This consisted of (a) reclassifying Absentee Ballots as Polling Place Ballots, re-numbering these Absentee Ballots by hand- beginning with the ending ballot # of the last Polling Place ballot issued at each precinct, then deploying them to the precinct polling place via Sheriff's Department deputies and Election staff personnel; (b) producing Ballots on Demand in our computer center, then deploying them to the appropriate precincts; (c) with prior approval, reproducing ballots on sight with appropriate inventory controls; (d) or using Sample Ballots which would be reproduced onto duplicate ballots during the election canvas

INCORRECT BALLOT STYLES ISSUED BY ELECTION JUDGES

- ☑ An internal Election Department audit of poll books indicated that Judges at eleven Polling Places distributed the incorrect ballot style to voters.
- ☑ Eight of these distributed 1 or 2 incorrect ballot styles; one distributed 4 incorrect ballot styles; one distributed 23 incorrect ballot styles (Pct 265) ; and one distributed 18 incorrect Provisional ballot styles and 25 incorrect polling place ballot styles (Pct 331).

SURVEY OF ELECTION JUDGES

☑ Of 380 Polling Places surveys distributed, 338 were returned by Election Judges. 100% of those responding indicated that no eligible electors were sent away because of a ballot shortage. In other words, every eligible elector was given the opportunity to vote, although many were inconvenienced in having to wait for replacement ballots to arrive- in some instances up to 2 hours)

ELECTION JUDGES

2005

approximately 1,600 Election Judges were hired (\$224,356.67)

2004

approximately 1,940 Election Judges were hired (\$272,022.29)

Types of Election Judges

Early Voting Judge; Nursing Home Judges; Test Board Judges; Early Morning Judges; Election Day Judges; Curbside Student Judges; Runners); Canvas Judges; Central Count Judges; Absentee Counting Judges; Duplication Judges; Observers; Pre-processing judges; Signature Verification Judges; Provisional Ballot Judges; Equipment Testing Judges; etc)

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

2005

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2004

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TYPES OF ELECTIONS

1. POLLING PLACE ELECTION (includes Early Voting and Absentee Ballot Voting)

3. MAIL BALLOT ELECTION (currently permitted only in odd-year elections)

2. VOTE CENTER ELECTION (includes Early Voting and Absentee Ballot Voting)

NOTE: VOTE CENTER EXPENSE ISSUE- Printed ballots vs. DREs (used in Early Voting at this time)

NOTE: ELECTION JUDGE COST SAVING OFFSET BY CONNECTIVITY COSTS

CRITICAL ISSUES

COMPLIANCE WITH Help America Vote Act (HAVA) -
passed by Congress October 27, 2002.

1. Statewide Voter Registration Database update
 - Colorado in non-compliance as of January 1, 2006
 - Department of Justice involvement
2. DRes in every polling place-
 - specifications\
 - Vendor certification
 - COST \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ (lack of funding)

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