



Texas Secretary of State
ELECTIONS DIVISION



Reconciliation (Forms Are Friends, Not Foes)

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for County Election Officials

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Election Reconciliation

The Texas Election Code requires that a written reconciliation of votes and voters at separate points during the election process.

- One reconciliation must be performed by the presiding judge of central counting station on election night.
- A reconciliation must also be performed by the presiding judge of the central counting station after the station has met for the last time to process late-arriving mail ballots and provisionals.
- A reconciliation must also be performed by the general custodian of election records no later than the 30th day after election day.



Election Reconciliation – CCS

The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation of votes and voters at the close of tabulation on election night.

The presiding judge of the central counting station must then provide and attest to another written reconciliation of votes and voters after the central counting station meets for the final time to process any late-arriving mail ballots or provisional ballots.

Our office has prescribed forms for each of these required reconciliations:

- [Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals](#) (Form 12-1)
- [Election Reconciliation – Official Totals](#) (Form 12-2)



Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals

The Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals (Form 12-1) contains the following information:

- **Voters:** The number of voters checked in to vote in the election
 - In person and by mail (but not surrendered mail ballots)
- **Rejected or Pending Ballots:** Ballots that have not been accepted for counting because they are awaiting review, action by the voter or have been rejected
- **Counted Ballots:** The number of ballots counted by the tabulation software
- Comparison of number of voters with the number of counted ballots
- An attestation containing the presiding judge's signature and date
- Number of ballots that could be added to the final count (provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots)



Election Reconciliation – Official Totals

The Election Reconciliation – Official Totals (Form 12-2) contains the following information:

- **Voters:** The number of voters checked in to vote in the election
 - In person and by mail (but not surrendered mail ballots)
- **Rejected or Pending Ballots:** Ballots that have not been accepted for counting because they are awaiting review, action by the voter or have been rejected
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- Comparison of number of voters with the number of counted ballots
- An attestation containing the presiding judge's signature and date
- Number of ballots that could be added to the final count (provisional and late-arriving mail)
- **Mail Ballots:** Complete information on the number of mail ballots sent, returned and surrendered
- **Provisional Ballots:** Incomplete provisional ballots



Election Reconciliation – General Custodian

The general custodian of election records is also required to prepare and post a reconciliation following an election.

This is a reconciliation of the total votes cast and the total number of voters accepted for in-person voting at each election day and early voting polling location.

This reconciliation must be completed no later than the 30th day after election day.

The reconciliation must be posted on the county's website in the same location where election results are posted.

- For this reconciliation, the SOS has prescribed [Reconciliation of Total Votes Cast at Each Polling Location](#) (Form 12-3).



Reconciliation of Total Votes Cast

The Reconciliation of Total Votes Cast at Each Polling Location (Form 12-3) contains the following information:

- **Attachment A:** Number of Voters who Voted and Number of Votes Cast at each polling location (early voting and on Election Day)
- **Attachment B:** Identification of any discrepancies between the Number of Voters who Voted and Number of Votes Cast at a polling location, including a description of how the discrepancy was resolved or steps taken to investigate or resolve the discrepancy.
- The form is signed and dated by the general custodian of election records.



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Reconciliation



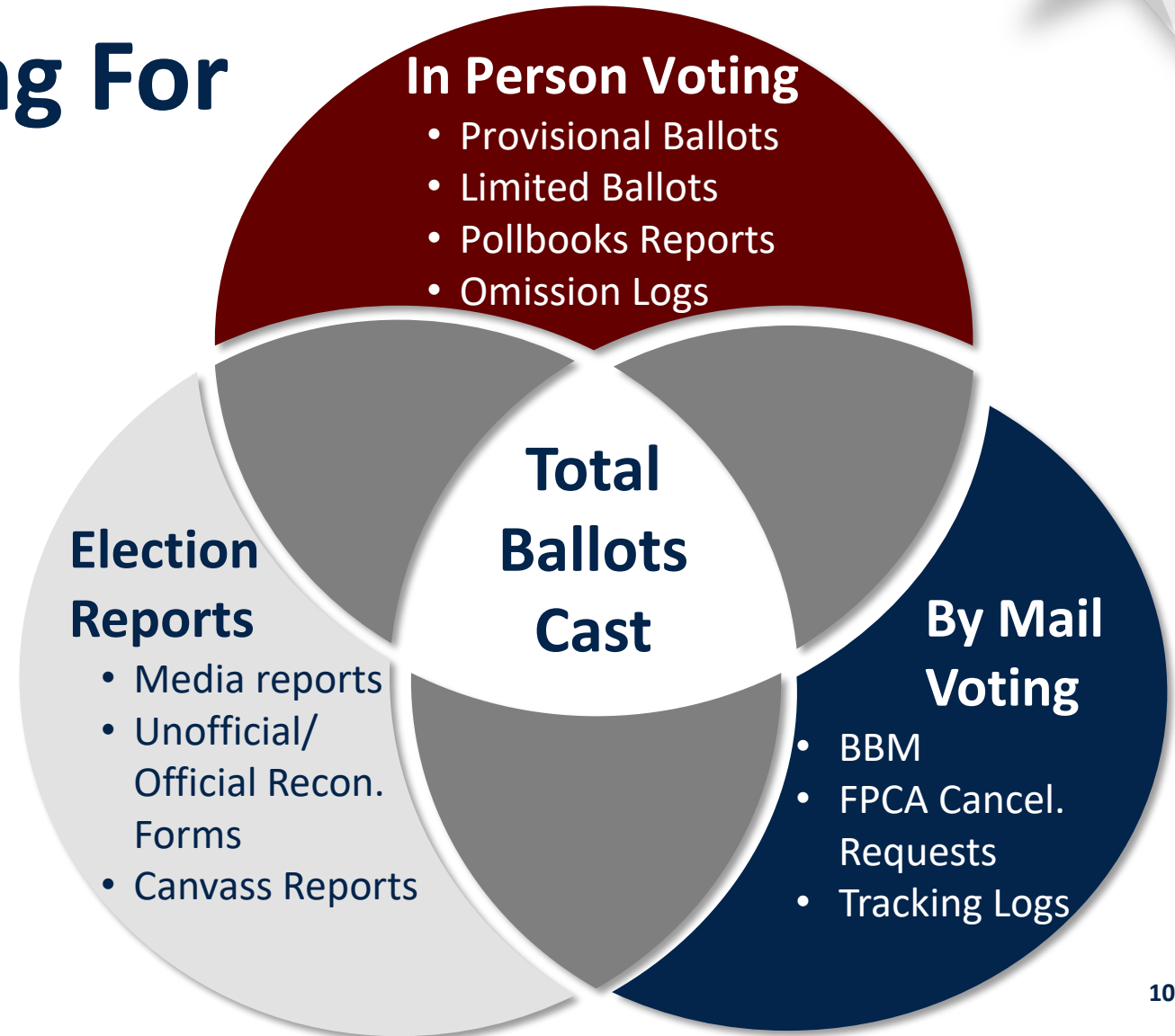
Why Reconciliation is Important

- Reconciliation is the process of comparing multiple sets of data for equal values
- Performing reconciliation is used to:
 - Ensure accuracy
 - Identify weaknesses and improve procedures
 - Provide accountability



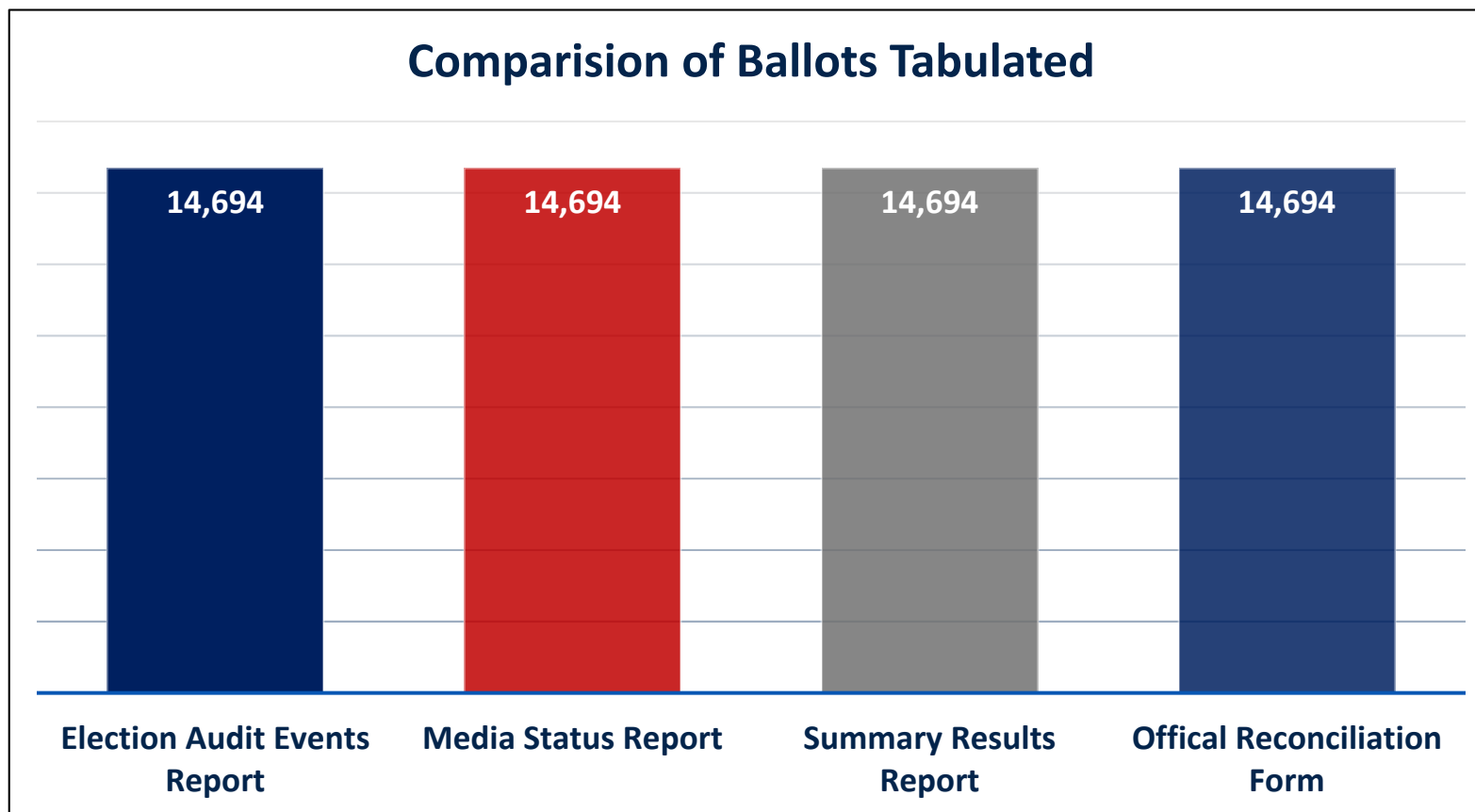
What We Are Looking For

- We perform a comparison to ensure the totals are reconciling across all branches of voting:



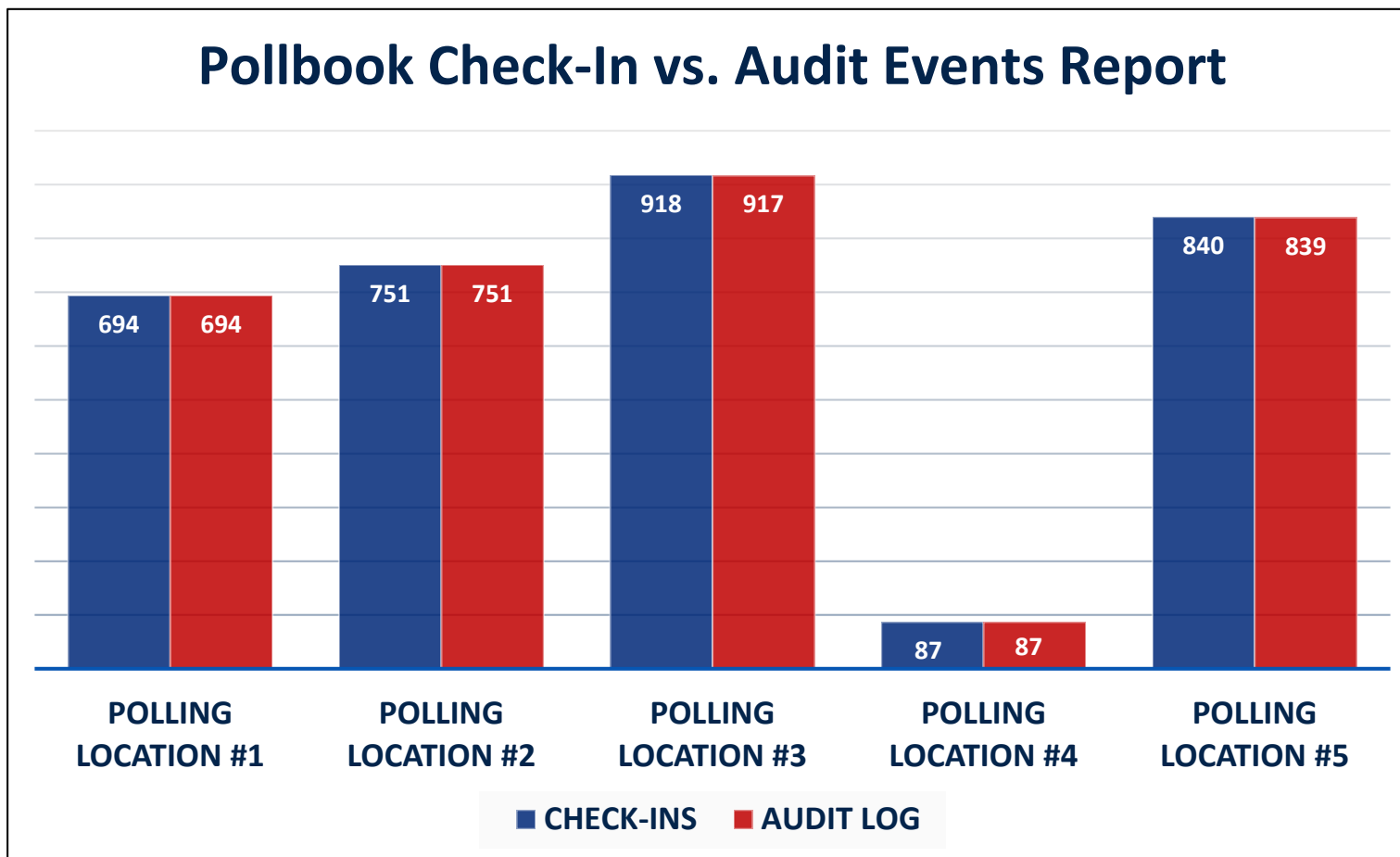


Example



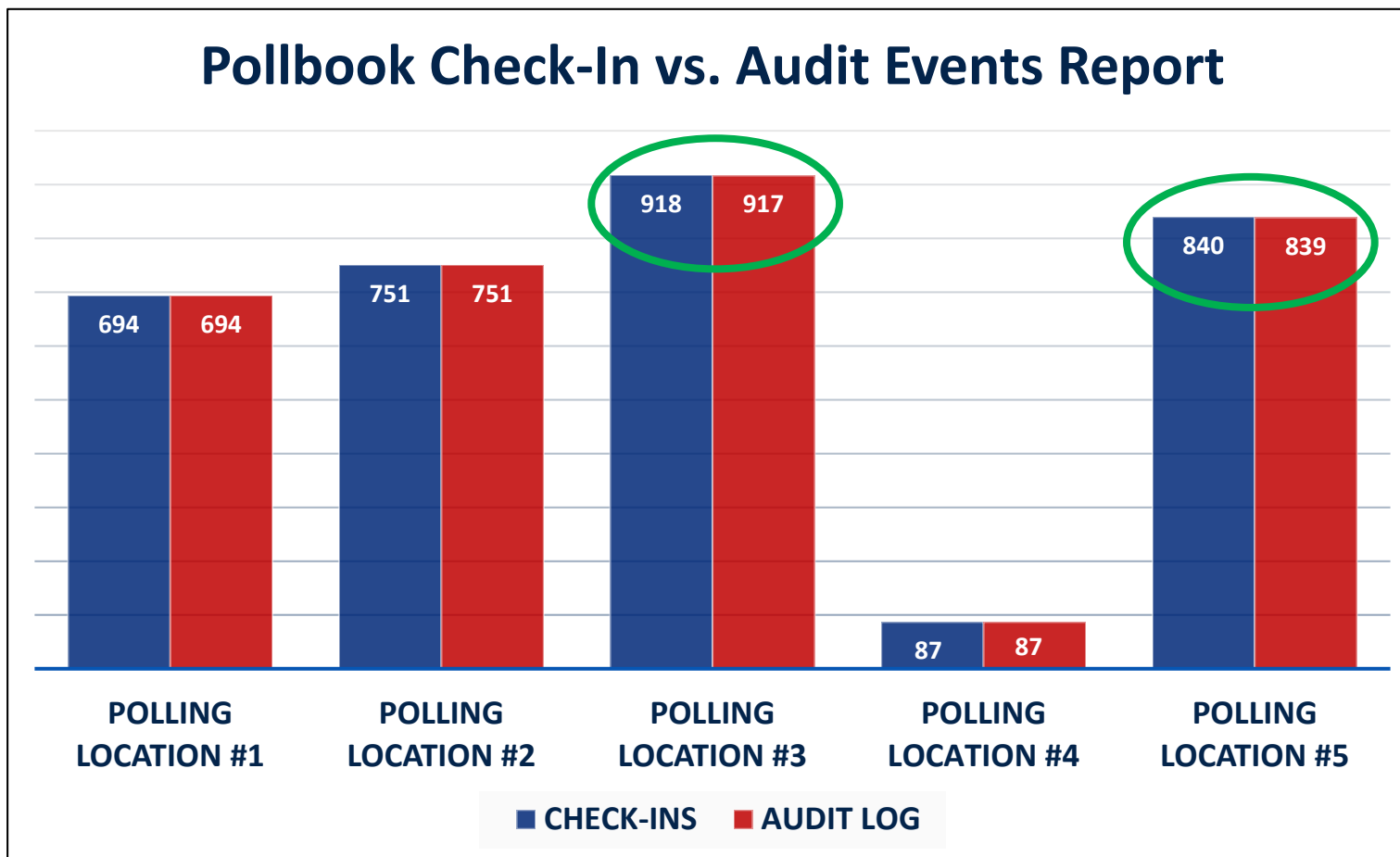


Example





Example





Help Us Tell Your Story

- Incident report logs
- Ballot by mail internal tracking logs
- Reconcile daily





Audit Takeaway

A diagram consisting of three squares arranged horizontally. The first square is dark blue, the second is maroon, and the third is light gray. Each square contains a white circle with text. The squares are connected by thin gray lines that form a continuous path around them.

Promotes
voter
confidence

Identifies
strengths and
weaknesses

Beneficial to
your office



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Plan. Prepare. Organize.



Preparation Checklist

-  Counties should review form completion procedures and the sources of information before Election Day.
-  Create a list of reports, rosters and other reconciliation logs that are needed for the different types of ballots.
-  Staff should know and be prepared for their duties in advance.

Print current forms and instructions from the Elections Forms Index prior to Election Night.



Preparation Checklist

 ePollbook Reports and Combination Forms

 Ballot by Mail Rosters

 Chain of Custody Documentation

 Voting System Tabulation Report

 Ballot Board Transmittal Forms

Maintaining organization is key!



Reports and Rosters

Ballot by Mail



Rosters for Early Voting by Mail



Ballot Transmittal Form

Early Voting and Election Day



ePollbook Reports



Combination Forms



Organization



Create an organization plan



Train poll workers



Complete chain of custody



Reconcile daily



Organize reports



Return of Materials to CCS



Chain of Custody: ballot boxes,
media sticks, envelopes



Voting System Reports from each
precinct or polling location



Precincts **unreported**



Notes of **discrepancies** found



Early Voting Ballot Board

Ballot by Mail

✓ Accepted

✗ Rejected

🗳️ Corrective Action

Provisional Ballots

✓ Accepted

✗ Rejected

🏠 Cure



Preliminary Election Reconciliation



Total check-ins



Total ballots cast



Outstanding ballots that could be added to the final count

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Section 127.131(f), Texas Election Code
6/2026

Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals

Disclaimer: These numbers are subject to change as information is verified after election day

County _____ Election Name _____

Registered Voters _____ Election Date _____

1. Voters		2. Rejected or Pending Ballots		3. Counted Ballots	
A. In person voters		D. Provisional ballots rejected or pending		G. In person ballots counted	
B. By mail voters		E. Mail ballots rejected or pending		H. Mail ballots counted	
C. Total voters (A+B)		F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D+E)		I. Total ballots Counted (G+H)	

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots	
J. Difference between voters and ballots (C-F-I)	K. Difference as percentage of voters (J÷(C-F)*100)
	_____ %
L. Notes:	

5. Attestation	
M. "I certify that the information contained in this preliminary election reconciliation document accurately reflects the unofficial votes and voters as known to me on election night. The information will likely change based on provisional votes, mail ballots, and additional reconciliation efforts by election personnel."	
Signature of Presiding Judge _____	Printed Name of Presiding Judge _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count	
<i>Disclaimer: These numbers typically change as information is verified after election day</i>	
N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	O. Estimated provisional ballots



Election Reconciliation – Official Totals



Finally accepted ballots from Early Voting and Election Day in-person



Provisional ballots processed



All numbers from the ballot by mail process

13-2
Prescribed by the Texas Secretary of State
Section 127.131(f)
8/2023

Election Reconciliation - Official Totals

County Election Name
Registered Voters Election Date

1. Voters (from election rosters and lists)		2. Rejected ballots		3. Counted ballots (from tabulation software)	
A. Early voting in person voters				I. Early voting ballots counted	
B. Election day in person voters				J. Election day ballots counted	
C. Mail ballot voters		F. Mail ballots rejected		K. Mail ballots counted	
D. Provisional ballots submitted		G. Provisional ballots rejected		L. Provisional ballots counted	
E. Total voters (A+B+C+D)		H. Total ballots rejected (F+G)		M. Total ballots counted (I+J+K+L)	

4. Comparison of voters and counted ballots

N. Difference between voters and ballots (E-H+M) O. Difference as percentage of voters $(N \div (E+H) \times 100)$ %
P. Explanation for difference, if any

5. Attestation

Q. "I certify that the information contained in this document accurately reflects the official reconciliation of votes and voters from the above stated election?"

Presiding judge signature Print name Date

6. Mail ballots		7. Provisional ballots	
R. Mail ballots sent		U. Provisional ballots deemed incomplete	
S. Mail ballots not returned by voter			
T. Mail ballots surrendered			



Reconciliation of Total Votes Cast at Each Polling Location

★ NEW FORM

- **Purpose**
 - To allow election officials to perform a reconciliation of the voters who were accepted to vote at a polling location and the total number of votes cast at the polling location.
- **Website Requirements**
 - The reconciliation, and the explanation of any discrepancies identified, must be posted on the county's website along with any results information no later than the 30th day after election day.



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Plan
Lay
Groundwork
Early

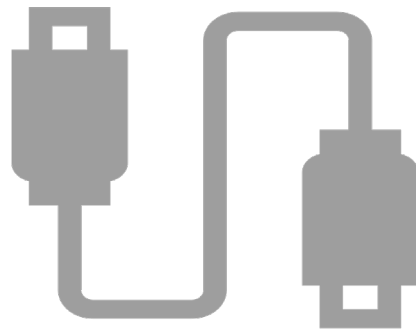
Train
Train
Team
Members

Communicate
Strong
Continuous
Communication



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Challenge 1
Disorganized
Reports

Challenge 2
Media
Not Read

Challenge 3
Polling Locations
Discrepancies



Checks and Balances



Read all media



Confirm voter check-ins



Reconcile ballot by mail logs



Include provisionals



Reference other report totals

Plan for success!



Let's Play a Game!

- The Presiding Judge and Central Counting Station Manager are completing the Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals (Form 12-1)
- They have collected all ballot-by-mail source documents
- They now need assistance locating the correct values for key boxes on the form

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County _____ Election Name _____
Registered Voters _____ Election Date _____

1. Voters (from election rosters)		2. Ballots Rejected or Pending Review/Voter Action		3. Counted Ballots (from tabulation software)	
A. In person voters (checked in)		D. Provisional ballots rejected or pending		G. In-person ballots counted	
B. By mail voters (received)		E. Mail ballots rejected or pending		H. Mail ballots counted	
C. Total voters (A + B)		F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D + E)		I. Total ballots Counted (G + H)	

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots

J. Difference between voters and ballots (C - F - I) _____

K. Difference as percentage of voters $(J \div (C-F) * 100)$ _____ %

L. Notes: _____

5. Attestation

M. "I certify that the information contained in this preliminary election reconciliation document accurately reflects the unofficial votes and voters as known to me on election night. The information will likely change based on provisional votes, mail ballots, and additional reconciliation efforts by election personnel."

Signature of Presiding Judge _____ Printed Name of Presiding Judge _____



Welcome to the Game!

- Your mission is to complete Box B, Box E, and Box N accurately and explain the source of each number
- Box H (mail ballots counted) is complete, but the rest must be reconciled before totals can be finalized

**B. By mail
Voters**

**E. Mail ballots
pending or
rejected**

**N. Mail ballots
not returned
or pending
voter action**

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Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals

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County Seabreeze Election Name General
Registered Voters 5499 Election Date 11/3/2026

1. Voters (from election rosters)		2. Ballots Rejected or Pending Review/Voter Action		3. Counted Ballots (from tabulation software)	
A. In person voters (checked in)	3256	D. Provisional ballots rejected or pending	5	G. In-person ballots counted	3251
B. By mail voters (received)	?	E. Mail ballots rejected or pending	?	H. Mail ballots counted	10
C. Total voters (A + B)	3268	F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D + E)	7	I. Total ballots Counted (G + H)	3261

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots

J. Difference between voters and
ballots (C - F - I) 0 K. Difference as percentage of
voters $(J \div (C-F) * 100)$ 0 %

L. Notes:

5. Attestation

M. "I certify that the information contained in this preliminary election reconciliation document accurately reflects the unofficial votes and voters as known to me on election night. The information will likely change based on provisional votes, mail ballots, and additional reconciliation efforts by election personnel."

Signature of Presiding Judge _____ Printed Name of Presiding Judge _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count

N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	?	O. Estimated provisional ballots	5
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Source Documents



Ballot Transmittal Form

10-6
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 87.021 and 87.1221, Texas Election Code
9/2023

BALLOT TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR EARLY VOTED BALLOTS

11/03/2026

General

Date of Election

Type of Election

- | | | |
|----|--|------|
| 1. | Number of ballots voted by personal appearance and delivered to the early voting Ballot board judge (same number as the number of voters on the poll list for early Voting in person): | 1589 |
| 2. | Number of ballots voted by mail or mail procedure and delivered to the early voting Ballot board judge: | 12 |
| 3. | Total number of early voted ballots delivered to the early voting ballot board judge (add lines 1 and 2): | 1601 |

Emily Early

Signature of Early Voting Clerk

- | | | |
|----|---|------|
| 4. | Number of ballots voted by mail and accepted by board: | 10 |
| 5. | Total number of early ballots counted by the early voting ballot board or delivered to the central counting station for automatic tabulation (add lines 1 and 4): | 1599 |
| 6. | Number of mail ballots rejected by board: | 1 |

1 voter in corrective action status.

The information provided by the early voting clerk in lines 1 and 2 is true and correct.

Barry Board

Signature of Early Voting Ballot Board Judge



Roster for Early Voting-by Mail

5-7
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Section 87.121, Texas Election Code
9/2023

Roster for Early Voting by Mail (LISTA DE VOTANTES QUE VOTAN ADELANTADA EN PERSONA)

Check if
applicable

For the General Election to be held on 11/3/2026
(Para la Elección General que se celebrará el 11/3/2026)

FPCA

Precinct Number* (Número de Precinto)	VUID Number (Número de VUID)	Name of Early Voter (Nombre del Votante que Votó Adelantada)	Residence Address (Dirección de Residencia)	Date (Fecha)	Notation (Notación)
203	1234567890	John Dakota	4563 Sunshine Drive Seabreeze, Tx 1234567	10/19/2026	
303	2345678901	Paul Dungeon	3698 Captain's Landing Seabreeze. TX	10/19/2026	
101	3456890123	George Pass	753 Weeping Willow Way Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/19/2026	
402	4567890123	Richie Tempo	456 Star Pass Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/19/2026	
203	5678901234	Tina Braintree	23 Oak Drive Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/21/2026	
402	5647891563	Linda Westman	590 Fish and Chips Way Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/21/2026	
101	7826494381	Patty Smythe	56 Shark Lane Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/21/2026	
303	1234895218	Joan Plane	1943 Pond Drive Seabreeze, TX 1234567 Unit 12	10/21/2026	
303	4561237890	Sarah Porter	1943 Pond Drive Seabreeze, TX 1234567 Unit 45	10/22/2026	
401	2583691479	Allison Taylor	13 Summer Blvd Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/22/2026	
303	7539518852	Tom Cash	1943 Pond Drive Seabreeze, TX 1234567 Unit 7	10/22/2026	
303	9517538524	Edward Pearl	1943 Pond Drive Seabreeze, TX Unit 93	10/22/2026	
401	2496357824	Mary Peter	123 Duck Crossing Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/23/2026	
401	24985278941	Paul Peter	123 Duck Crossing Seabreeze, TX 1234567	10/23/2026	

County election precinct of registration. (Precinto del Condado en que está registrado.)



Roster of Voters With Defective Carrier Envelopes

Prescribed by Secretary of State 10-29 Sections 87.0271, 87.0411 Texas Election Code 9/2023												Name of Election General		Authority Conducting Election Seabreeze County			
												Date of SVC/EVBB Meeting 11/01/2026		SVC or EVBB (circle one) ●			
ROSTER OF ABBM VOTERS WITH DEFECTIVE CARRIER ENVELOPES – NOTIFIED BY PHONE OR EMAIL																	
Voter Name	VUID	No Carrier Signature #1	Signature Mismatch #2	Missing SOR (EVBB only) #3	Missing or Incorrect ID Info #4	Missing or Incomplete Witness Info #5	Printed Name of SVC/EVBB Person Who Provided Notice	Date Voter was Notified by Phone	Date Voter was Notified by Email	Date Corrective Action Taken by Voter	Date Corrected Carrier Sent Back to EVBB	Accepted or Rejected by EVBB (Place a check if accepted or rejected)	Date of Defect if Found to be Defective for a 2 nd Time	Date Voter was Notified by Phone	Date Voter was Notified by Email	Date Corrective Action Taken by Voter	Finally Accepted or Rejected by EVBB (Place a check if accepted or rejected)
Allison Taylor	2583691479	1					Vicky Campo		11/01/2026			Accepted Rejected					Accepted Rejected
												Accepted Rejected					Accepted Rejected
												Accepted Rejected					Accepted Rejected
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Challenge 1: Box B - Mail Ballots Received

- Box B asks for Mail Ballots Received from Voters

The image displays three sample forms from the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division. The first form is the 'Ballot Transmittal Form' for early voting by mail. The second form is the 'Roster for Early Voting-by Mail', which lists voters and their addresses. The third form is the 'Roster of Voters With Defective Carrier Envelopes', which lists voters and the reasons for their defective envelopes.

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Section 127.131(f), Texas Election Code
7/2025

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County Seabreeze Election Name General
Registered Voters 5499 Election Date 11/3/2026

1. Voters (from election rosters)		2. Ballots Rejected or Pending Review/Voter Action		3. Counted Ballots (from tabulation software)	
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B. By mail voters (received)	?	E. Mail ballots rejected or pending	?	H. Mail ballots counted	10
C. Total voters (A + B)	3268	F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D + E)	7	I. Total ballots counted (G + H)	3261

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots

J. Difference between voters and
ballots (C - F - I) 0

K. Difference as percentage of
voters $(J \div (C-F) \times 100)$ 0 %

L. Notes:

5. Attestation

M. "I certify that the information contained in this preliminary election reconciliation document accurately reflects the unofficial votes and voters as known to me on election night. The information will likely change based on provisional votes, mail ballots, and additional reconciliation efforts by election personnel."

Signature of Presiding Judge _____ Printed Name of Presiding Judge _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count			
N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	?	O. Estimated provisional ballots	5



Challenge 1: Box B - Mail Ballots Received

- Box B asks for Mail Ballots Received from Voters

Answer: Use the **Ballot Transmittal Forms**.

Line 2 shows how many ballots were delivered in each batch;
add all **Line 2** totals together = **12**

Double-check the total using the
county-created master spreadsheet.

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L. Notes:

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Signature of Presiding Judge	Printed Name of Presiding Judge	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count		
N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	?	O. Estimated provisional ballots
		5



Challenge 2: Box E - Mail Ballots Pending or Rejected

- Box E accounts for mail ballots that are not included in the election night results.



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Ballot Transmittal Form

Ballot Transmittal Form for Early Voting by Mail

Electoral Jurisdiction: _____ **County:** _____

Ballot Number: _____ **Ballot Type:** _____

Ballot Description: _____

Ballot Status: _____

Ballot Transmittal Form for Early Voting by Mail

Electoral Jurisdiction: _____ **County:** _____

Ballot Number: _____ **Ballot Type:** _____

Ballot Description: _____

Ballot Status: _____



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Roster for Early Voting-by Mail

Roster for Early Voting-by Mail

Electoral Jurisdiction: _____ **County:** _____

Ballot Number: _____ **Ballot Type:** _____

Ballot Description: _____

Ballot Status: _____



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Roster of Voters With Defective Carrier Envelopes

Roster of Voters With Defective Carrier Envelopes

Electoral Jurisdiction: _____ **County:** _____

Ballot Number: _____ **Ballot Type:** _____

Ballot Description: _____

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 Registered Voters **5499** Election Date **11/3/2026**

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B. By mail voters (received)	12
C. Total voters (A + B)	3268

2. Ballots Rejected or Pending Review/Voter Action	
D. Provisional ballots rejected or pending	5
E. Mail ballots rejected or pending	?
F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D + E)	7

3. Counted Ballots (from tabulation software)	
G. In-person ballots counted	3251
H. Mail ballots counted	10
I. Total ballots Counted (G + H)	3261

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots

J. Difference between voters and
ballots (C - F - I)

0

K. Difference as percentage of
voters $(J \div (C-F) * 100)$

0

%

L. Notes:

5. Attestation

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Signature of Presiding Judge

Printed Name of Presiding Judge

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count

N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	?	O. Estimated provisional ballots	5
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Challenge 2: Box E - Mail Ballots Pending or Rejected

- Box E accounts for mail ballots that are not included in the election night results.

Answer: Add finally rejected ballots + voters in corrective action status (from the Ballot Transmittal Form and Roster of Voters with Defective Carrier Envelopes).

$$1 + 1 = \underline{2}$$

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		5



Challenge 3: Box N - Mail Ballots Not Returned or Pending Voter Action

- Box N accounts for mail ballots that are not included in the election night results.

The image displays three sample forms from the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division. The first form is the 'Ballot Transmittal Form', which includes sections for voter information, ballot status, and a signature line. The second form is the 'Roster for Early Voting-by Mail', which is a table listing voters and their corresponding ballot numbers. The third form is the 'Roster of Voters With Defective Carrier Envelopes', which is a table listing voters and the reasons for their ballots being rejected.

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Preliminary Election Reconciliation – Unofficial Totals
Disclaimer: These numbers are subject to change as information is verified after election day

County Seabreeze Election Name General
Registered Voters 5499 Election Date 11/3/2026

1. Voters (from election rosters)		2. Ballots Rejected or Pending Review/Voter Action		3. Counted Ballots (from tabulation software)	
A. In person voters (checked in)	3256	D. Provisional ballots rejected or pending	5	G. In-person ballots counted	3251
B. By mail voters (received)	12	E. Mail ballots rejected or pending	2	H. Mail ballots counted	10
C. Total voters (A + B)	3268	F. Total ballots rejected or pending (D + E)	7	I. Total ballots Counted (G + H)	3261

4. Comparison of Voters and Counted Ballots

J. Difference between voters and ballots (C - F - I) 0
K. Difference as percentage of voters $(J \div (C-F) \times 100)$ 0 %

L. Notes:

5. Attestation	
M. "I certify that the information contained in this preliminary election reconciliation document accurately reflects the unofficial votes and voters as known to me on election night. The information will likely change based on provisional votes, mail ballots, and additional reconciliation efforts by election personnel."	
Signature of Presiding Judge	Printed Name of Presiding Judge
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

6. Ballots That Could Be Added to the Final Count	
N. Mail ballots not returned or pending voter action	O. Estimated provisional ballots
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Why We Reconcile

- As late-arriving ballots are processed and resolved, the final vote totals may increase
- Clear reconciliation helps the public understand what vote totals were updated, why they were updated, and how the new numbers were calculated
- Completing the reconciliation process provides transparency and reconciles the number of voters that voted with the number of ballots cast



Important Considerations

- It is important to incorporate the totals from all rosters included in the ballot by mail process into your totals.
 - Restricted Ballot Roster (Form 5-25)
 - Roster for Early Voting-by-Mail Address Confidential Applicants (Form 6-55)



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