

Dallas County Using Illegal Voting Systems for November 2024 Elections

Issues:

There are four voting system components that are illegal and/or were illegally certified by the Secretary of State that will be used in Dallas County's November 2024 election:

1. **Central Accumulator** – The main tabulation computer that counts votes on election night made serious tabulation errors for multiple Dallas county races during the recent Logic & Accuracy Test. This indicates illegal and insufficient tabulation software has been installed on Dallas' central accumulator. The elections administrator provided no credible reason for the computerized tabulation errors, or what was done to fix it, despite the Election Code requirement to do so.^{1,2}
2. **DS200s** – The ballot scanners used in the polls had their protective counter (their odometer) showing total votes cast on the existing scanner zeroed out in a recent software update according to Dallas elections administrator.³ The Election Code strictly prohibits the changing of the scanners' protective counter. This zeroing out indicates illegal software was installed.⁴
3. **Activation Card Printer** – The printer used at polls to print voters' ballots is illegally certified by the Secretary of State's Election Division (Secretary). Evidence of this is presented in a recent federal lawsuit against the Secretary. The Secretary has not decertified nor instructed Texas counties to remove this hardware from polling locations.⁵
4. **ExpressLink Software** – This software is used to communicate between the e-pollbooks and the Activation Card Printer and is illegally certified by the Secretary as evidenced in a federal lawsuit against the Secretary. The Secretary has not decertified nor instructed Dallas County to remove this software from polling locations.⁵

Discussion:

For voters, the risk of illegal and/or illegally certified software and hardware used for Dallas County November elections includes but is not limited to a) incorrect tabulation of our votes, and b) voter disenfranchisement. If the Secretary of State has not properly certified these software and hardware components, then the systems are illegal and cannot be used. Since our inspection of the equipment at the public testing event, we witnessed these systems not operating lawfully and believe they are most likely running illegal software and hardware and we believe our votes are extremely vulnerable.

Recommendation:

The Dallas County Republican Party objects to the use of these insufficient and illegal voting system components for our November 2024 election. We call on the Secretary of State to immediately protect Dallas voters from illegal voting system software and hardware that wrongly tabulates our votes and request they decertify these four voting system components before early voting begins.

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¹TEC Section 129.023(e)(1)(b)

²TEC Section 129.023(e)(1)(c); see *Pressley v. Nelson* Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint, paragraphs 125-130,134, case #1:2024-cv-00318 filed in federal court.

³At the September Logic and Accuracy Test, the Dallas County Republican Party witnessed the protective count on ballot scanners used in prior elections only showing 14 ballots ever being cast on those voting machines. This is physically impossible and the elections administrator admitted the machines were zeroed out by a software upgrade.

⁴See TEC Section 122.003(7)

⁵ See *Pressley v. Nelson* Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint, paragraphs 125-130,134, case #1:2024-cv-00318 filed in federal court.