

SAMPLE  
Primary Election  
Test Deck Cover Letter  
Punch Card

May 3, 2004

Dear County Clerk:

Enclosed herein is a 62-card test deck to be used in certifying the accuracy of your counting equipment both prior to and after the primary election.

This test deck should be processed prior to the election with bi-partisan observation and your commissioners present. The deck should also be processed immediately after the counting of the ballots. Every effort should be made to involve the general public, candidates, party officials, etc., when the test deck is being processed.

I have enclosed a copy of instructions concerning the results of the test deck. If you are in need of further assistance concerning this matter, do not hesitate to contact this office.

I thank you very much in assisting in this matter of engendering confidence and integrity in our election process.

For the Secretary of State,

TIM HURST  
Chief Deputy  
Secretary of State

TH/pdy  
Enclosures: as cited

Attached to the 62-card test deck is a tape showing the results in a certain precinct. The actual voting positions used in any of your precincts may vary except for party punch positions 7 & 13. Results for all offices except judicial should be as follows: Candidate response positions ending in:

|    |          |         |
|----|----------|---------|
| 1  | receives | 1 vote  |
| 2  | receives | 2 votes |
| 3  | receives | 3 votes |
| 4  | receives | 4 votes |
| 5  | receives | 5 votes |
| 6  | receives | 1 vote  |
| 7  | receives | 2 votes |
| 8  | receives | 3 votes |
| 9  | receives | 4 votes |
| 10 | receives | 5 votes |

EXAMPLE: Candidate X in response position:

|     |          |         |
|-----|----------|---------|
| 25  | receives | 5 votes |
| 28  | receives | 3 votes |
| 76  | receives | 1 vote  |
| 110 | receives | 5 votes |
| 224 | receives | 4 votes |

Please be advised there is one-under vote and one over-vote card in this test deck.

Results for Judicial office should be as follows:

Judicial candidates response positions ending in:

|    |          |          |
|----|----------|----------|
| 1  | receives | 2 votes  |
| 2  | receives | 4 votes  |
| 3  | receives | 6 votes  |
| 4  | receives | 8 votes  |
| 5  | receives | 10 votes |
| 6  | receives | 2 votes  |
| 7  | receives | 4 votes  |
| 8  | receives | 6 votes  |
| 9  | receives | 8 votes  |
| 10 | receives | 10 votes |

EXAMPLE: Judicial Candidate X in response position:

|     |          |          |
|-----|----------|----------|
| 220 | receives | 10 votes |
| 224 | receives | 8 votes  |
| 226 | receives | 2 votes  |