

SAMPLE
General Election
Test Deck Cover Letter
Punch Card

October 7, 2004

Dear County Clerk:

Enclosed you will find a fifty-seven card test deck to be used in a logic and accuracy test for the General Election. One (1) card is labeled overvote and one (1) card is blank. Also enclosed is a read-out showing how many votes were cast and how many votes were counted in the various voting positions.

The votes in your count generated by this test deck will be equal to the last digit of the voting position ie., 22 will equal 2 votes, 18 will equal 8 votes. The overvote ballot in this deck has all of the first column numbers punched. The printout enclosed will give you an example.

The test deck should be run immediately upon receipt in order to ascertain the coding is accurate for each precinct. Several days prior to the election you should conduct your logic and accuracy test in the presence of at least two county commissioners and a representative from each political party. On election day the test deck should be run immediately before counting any ballots and immediately after all the ballots have been counted.

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

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Enclosure: as cited

Attached to the 57-card test deck is a printout showing the results in a certain precinct. Results should be as follows, with 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	6 votes
7	receives	7 votes
8	receives	8 votes
9	receives	9 votes
10	receives	10 votes

EXAMPLE: Candidate X in response position:

25	receives	5 votes
28	receives	8 votes
76	receives	6 votes
110	receives	10 votes
124	receives	4 votes

Please be advised there is one undervote and one overvote card in this test deck.

NOTE: For United States Senator. If this candidate's response number on your ballot is 1 through 19 an over-vote situation for this office will not exist since there is only one candidate on the ballot. In fact, your tally will add a vote for this candidate. For instance, the US Senate candidate's response position on your ballot is 18, the tally will show a total of 9 votes. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact our office.