



ELECTION SECURITY FACT SHEET

Decentralized Elections in Florida

- Each of Florida's 67 counties maintain their own local voter registration database and voting system. There is no single point of entry to affect outcome.



Paper Ballots Only

- All voters in Okeechobee County cast their vote using a paper ballot, which allows for a full audit of an election. Electronic poll books are used with a backup paper copy at every precinct.



Network Security

- Voter registration database and vote tabulation database are maintained independently on separate servers for a full reconciliation of ballots cast versus total voter turnout.
- The tabulation server is held in a closed network with no internet access.
- Office software patches and updates are installed on a monthly schedule. Cyber hygiene procedures are in place which include network pen testing and monitoring by a third-party.



Pre-Election Testing

- Every piece of equipment being used in an election is tested thoroughly prior to the election. Our testing procedures in Okeechobee County are above and beyond the state requirements and our equipment and procedures testing period may last for several months.
- The logic and accuracy testing of the voting system is held during a public meeting of the Canvassing Board.



Results Reporting

- Rigorous ballot reconciliation procedures compare the number of ballots and voters throughout the process and apply to all voting methods including mail ballots, those cast during early voting and Election Day. These procedures are performed several times each day, comparing the number of voters checked in to the amount of ballots distributed to the number of votes cast on the tabulator versus the number of blank ballots remaining.
- Our procedures require precinct totals be reconciled with composite results to confirm they equal the reported results from each precinct and vote type.



Post-Election Audit

- After each election, the Canvassing Board randomly selects one race and one precinct to be audited during a public meeting. A manual, hand count of the ballots is compared to the machine totals of the manual audits over the past nine years have been 100% accurate.



Be prepared for the elections! Exercise your right to vote in every election. A well-informed and active constituency builds a healthy community.