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Are the Elections **Secure?**

In short, **yes**, the elections process is as secure as it has ever been. Our office has safeguards in place to ensure that the process remains legitimate and free from any form of tampering from outside or within. Our tabulating systems were acquired from Dominion Voting Systems which is owned and operated by employees who are U.S. and Canadian citizens. All of Dominion's systems have been subjected to rigorous review, analysis, testing and certification by election authorities at the state and federal level, including the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC). Analysis of tabulation systems prior to certification by the state is conducted by independent testing laboratories with extensive expertise in secure software design.



How does Hernando County keep Elections **Secure?**

REGISTRATION AND VOTING

1. Voter Registration Applications are sent to the Florida Division of elections in order to verify the validity of each application based upon the applicant's eligibility.
2. Our voter registration database is updated routinely to ensure deceased voters are removed based on State notifications.
3. Voters are required to furnish valid forms of identification approved by the State in order to vote. Voters also must have their signature verified prior to receiving their ballot.
4. Voter records are secure and updated electronically when a Vote By Mail Ballot is requested. If that voter decides to vote at the polls their Vote By Mail Ballot is canceled. Conversely, if a voter votes by mail they will be flagged as "already voted" if they attempt to vote Early or at their precinct.

TABULATION, TAMPERING, AND SECURITY

5. Our tabulation equipment is secured behind locked doors, armed with a security system, and have limited access with sign-in and sign-out sheets.
6. Our tabulation equipment is state-certified and each machine must pass a 100% Logic and Accuracy test in order to be used in an election. During this test, we use pre-marked ballots and one hand-written ballot to ensure the tabulation equipment is scanning ballots properly and tabulating results accurately.
7. After our Logic and Accuracy testing four different seals are placed on the tabulation machine and recorded using electronic software to ensure data is not tampered with. The tabulator is then placed behind locked doors and armed with a security system until deployed for voting.
8. Results are encrypted using certified software and then sent to a stand-alone server *not connected to the Internet* to tabulate the results and create a report. Paper result tapes are also printed and driven to the Supervisor of Elections Office election night.
9. Paper ballots are held for 22 months and can be re-scanned if there is a problem with the equipment or questions about the results.
10. Our results are then verified with a manual audit, where we will retrieve all the ballots cast during Early Voting, Vote By Mail, and on Election Day in randomly selected precincts, and races and then hand-counted to make sure they match the tabulated results.