

School districts have a vital, fiduciary duty to manage facilities, but they also have a legal and ethical obligation to remain neutral in how they ask for public funds. When districts bring bond elections or in Midway's TRE or VTAR to voters, they face the impossible task of acting as both the proponent for school improvements and the impartial manager of the election process. This inherent conflict of interest or even the perception of one can erode public trust and invite legal challenges regarding electioneering.

Contracting with an independent County Elections Administrator is the best way to ensure the integrity, neutrality, and professionalism of school bond elections. An Elections Administrator brings expertise in the Texas Election Code, managing the entire process, from secure ballot creation and tabulation to the impartial recruitment and training of election workers.

When speaking to Randel Beaver over at Midway, he makes mention that they are seeking an outside administrator to runoff the election. He mentions looking for a waiver from voting machines to paper and pencil. I believe this also jeopardizes or increases the potential risk of trust from voters. Local officials maintain a strict chain of custody for all election materials, using tamper-resistant seals and detailed logs to prevent unauthorized access. Voting machines are rigorously tested and certified to ensure accuracy which allow for transparent audits and verified results.

By utilizing an impartial third party, school districts can focus on providing factual, transparent, and non-partisan information about facility needs, while leaving the administrative, technical, and legal complexities of the election to an expert. This approach directly combats accusations of bias, reduces the risk of costly legal challenges, and fosters community trust. A truly non-biased election, managed by a neutral entity, ensures that the final results accurately reflect the will of the voters

Thank you for your consideration

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