Name of Form:

Early Voting Ballot Box Seal.

Section Reference:

Section 85.032(b), Texas Election Code.

Purpose:

To prevent unauthorized deposit or removal of ballots from the early voting ballot box.

Number of Copies Required:

One for each day of early voting.

Completed by:

Early Voting Clerk, one Deputy Early Voting Clerk if there is one, and 2 Poll Watchers if they are present at the close of early voting for that day.

Filing Date:

At the end of each day of early voting.

The paper seal used to seal the box at the end of early voting in person shall remain over the slot until the box is delivered to the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Filed with:

Place over the slot of the early voting ballot box.

Comments:

The paper seals do not need to be kept after they are removed from the box but the number used to seal each box must be recorded on the record of early voting ballot seals.

The paper seals do not have to begin with #1 but must be serially numbered for the election.

If branch early voting stations are used in an election, the branch deputy early voting clerk will complete the paper seal instead of the early voting clerk.

The Secretary of State has not prescribed the actual size of the paper seal. It must be large enough to cover the slot in the box.

Early voting clerk is not required to remove the paper seal each morning of the early voting period if he/she has no one voting in person.

If a ballot box is used that has a metal slot to cover the opening to deposit ballots, a wire hasp seal may be used in lieu of the paper seal. The serial numbers of the wire seals must be kept.

Current form is 3/07.

No. _____

EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOX SEAL

I, the Early Voting Clerk for the _____ Election, do hereby affirm that the early voting ballot box was sealed at the end of the day to prevent any unauthorized deposit in the early voting ballot box.

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Signature of Early Voting Clerk

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Date

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Signature of Poll Watcher (if present)

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