

**Name of Form:**

**Certification of 3rd Test of Automated Tabulating Equipment Used at the Central Counting Station.**

**Section Reference:**

**Section 127.098, Texas Election Code.**

**Purpose:**

**To provide proof of accuracy of counting equipment.**

**Number of Copies Required:**

**One.**

**Completed by:**

**Presiding Judge of Central Counting Station.**

**Filing Date:**

**Upon completion of test.**

**Filed with:**

**To be retained with test materials.**

**Comments:**

**If the initial test of the 3rd test is not successful, the count of all ballots on the particular machine is void. If the initial test of the 3rd test is never successful, the ballots shall be counted manually.**

**Current form is 3/07.**

## CERTIFICATION OF 3<sup>RD</sup> TEST OF AUTOMATED TABULATING EQUIPMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the presiding judge of the central counting station do hereby certify that the test of the automated tabulating equipment to be used to count the ballots for the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held  
(name of election)

on \_\_\_\_\_ was conducted by a pre-audited group of  
(date of election)

ballots marked to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure. The test also included ballots which had votes cast in excess of the number allowed by law in certain races, in order to determine the ability of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject such votes and ballots with other improper votes.

The test was successful and was concluded at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(time) (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Presiding Judge of  
Central Counting Station

### **NOTE TO PRESIDING JUDGE:**

If the initial test of the 3<sup>rd</sup> test was not successful, the count of all ballots on the malfunctioned machine is void. Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> test again, making notation of the changes to the program, adjustments to the equipment and other actions taken to achieve a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> test. Recount all ballots counted on the malfunctioned machine and run the 3<sup>rd</sup> test again after the completion of counting the ballots.