

hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place (Secs. 87.023(b), 87.024(b), & 87.0221(b)).

The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, & 127.098).

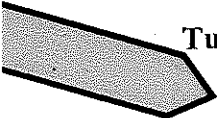
Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Sec. 66.053(a)).

### **Monday, May 14, 2007 (2nd day and 1st business day after election day)**

The general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots, along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters to the county voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours.

**Note for Political Subdivisions Located in More than One County:** Your political subdivision will have to make delivery of the provisional ballots and forms to the voter registrar in each county in which your political subdivision is located. (1 Tex. Admin Code Secs. 81.172 – 81.174).

If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Saturday, May 12, 2007), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the custodian of election records office and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separated and may be provided without unlawful entry into the ballot box. (1 Tex. Admin Code Secs. 81.172 – 81.174).



### **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 (3rd day after election day)**

The first possible day to conduct official local canvass of returns by governing authority of the political subdivision. **HOWEVER**, the canvass may not be conducted until the ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election, **AND** counted all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside the United States (see entry at May 18th), if a ballot by mail was provided to a person outside of the United States. (Sec. 67.003). Notice of canvass must be posted at least 72 hours continuously before the canvass is conducted.

Note: if a recount petition has been filed and a winning candidate race is involved in the recount, the certificate of election cannot be issued for that race until the recount has been completed. (Secs. 67.016 & 212.0331).

For districts using electronic voting systems, last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater, unless requirement has been waived. (Sec. 127.201(a)). Results of manual count must be mailed to Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e))

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007 (3rd business day after election day)**

Deadline for Voter Registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 Tex. Admin Code Secs. 81.172 – 81.174).

Deadline for all political subdivisions to retrieve provisional ballots. (1 Tex. Admin Code Secs. 81.172 – 81.174).

**Thursday, May 17, 2007 (5th day after election day)**

Last day to receive carrier envelopes placed in the mail by 7:00 p.m. on election day, May 12, 2007, from voters who are voting outside the United States. (Sec. 86.007(d)(3)).

**Friday, May 18, 2007 (6th day after election day)**

First day that newly-elected officers of Type A general law city may qualify and assume duties of office.

**Type A City** Council members may take office any time following the canvass. (Section 22.006 of the Texas Local Government Code Section states that a newly-elected municipal officer may exercise the duties of office beginning on the fifth day after the date of the election, excluding Sundays. Section 22.036 of the Texas Local Government Code further requires that the newly-elected governing body of the municipality "meet at the usual meeting place and shall be installed.")

Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar and late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States and received by Thursday, May 17, 2007 while the board reconvenes to process provisional ballots. (Sec. 87.125).

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007 (10th day after election day)**

Last day for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to mail notices of rejected mail ballots to voters. (Sec. 87.043).

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007 (11th day after election day)**

Last day for official canvass of returns by governing authority of political subdivision. (Sec. 67.003).