

Taylor County Voting Methods

After you have presented your identification and signed in at your polling place, you will need to notify the poll worker if you wish to vote on the disability equipment referred to as the Accu-Vote Touch Screen. Otherwise, all voters will automatically be given a paper ballot and must cast their vote on the Accu-Vote Optical Scan Tabulator.

VOTING EQUIPMENT

ACCU-VOTE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATOR

Taylor County has used an optical scan tabulation system since the 2000 election cycle

The voter places their voted ballot into the tabulator at the polling place or early voting site. If the voter has voted for more than one candidate in a race where only one vote is allowed, the tabulator will reject the ballot and allow the voter the chance to mark another ballot; the tabulator will also reject a completely blank ballot.

The ballot is designed with ovals printed to the left of each candidate's name or issue. The voter should completely fill in the oval to ensure their vote will count. Voters should not mark their ballot with an X or a check mark. The tabulator may not recognize these marks.

A marking pen is provided in each booth for the voter. However, all of our Accu-Vote tabulators have visible light read-heads, which do not require a special type of pen. A pencil or ball point pen can be used when voting a vote by mail ballot.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, please do not erase or use white out. If you are voting at your polling place, just ask for another ballot. If you are voting a vote by mail ballot and you make a mistake, just call the Election Office at (850)838-3515, and a new ballot will be mailed to you.



*Optical Scan Unit
used for paper ballots

ACCU-VOTE TOUCH SCREEN

One audio-enhanced, accessible touch screen voting machine is available at each polling place and early voting site. This additional piece of equipment provides the opportunity for voters with low vision, voters who are blind or voters who are otherwise unable to cast a paper ballot without assistance to vote independently.

The accessible voting equipment has many features.

- The voter may choose to magnify the screen, increasing the size of the ballot text; they may then make their choice by touching the screen or by using a keypad.
- The voter may choose to listen to the ballot through a headset and vote with the assistance of a keypad.
- The voter may increase or decrease the volume and the voter has the ability to control the speed at which the audio ballot is being read by pressing a button on the keypad.
- The voter may be seated or can choose to stand while using the accessible voting equipment.
- All ballot choices can be reviewed and confirmed by the voter prior to casting their ballot.

If you need to use the disability accessible equipment, please notify the poll worker before being issued a paper ballot.

To learn more about this equipment or request a demonstration, please contact our office at (850)838-3515.



*ADA Touch Screen Unit
used for visual and audio aid
