

# Vote Centers 101

## What is a Vote Center?

- ❖ A vote center is a location where any eligible voter in Ector County can cast a ballot on Election Day. Currently, voters have to vote at their designated polling place.

## Why have Vote Centers?

- ❖ Voters have a choice of locations to go to on Election Day. They can vote at any of the Election Day Vote Centers.
- ❖ They accommodate all communities of interest.
- ❖ They are convenient to home, school, work, and or shopping.

## Who requested these?

- ❖ In 2006, legislation created a pilot program which was implemented through the Secretary of State's Office.
- ❖ The Election Commission consisting of County Judge, County Clerk, both political party chairs, and the Tax Assessor (not present) expressed a desire to find out what was needed to implement this program in November 2014.
- ❖ The voters, whose number one complaint to the Election Office was going to their "usual" polling place and finding out it was the wrong one for that election. Vote Centers should provide more consistency.

## When will it happen?

- ❖ Approved by the Commissioner's Court and the Secretary of State, our first official election implementing the "Vote Centers" will be in the November 03, 2015 Constitutional Amendments Election.

## How does it work?

- ❖ A voter can go to any of the approved locations.
- ❖ Per Texas Code [43.007 4.d.4] Vote Centers are required to have direct recording electronic voting machines only; no paper ballots

## Additional Information

- ❖ Curbside voting will still be offered, both in early voting and on Election Day. This is a service for any voter that is unable to physically enter the polling location. A ballot will be brought to them to vote in their vehicle. On Election Day, this will be done with the electronic voting equipment.
- ❖ Voters will have the opportunity to see and/or have hands-on use of the electronic voting equipment at the Ector County Election's Office, at community events, and on Election Day.
- ❖ A committee was formed to gather and prepare the information regarding "Vote Centers" to the public. A site-committee has chosen polling places based on specific criteria including public transportation, mobility of areas in the county, communities of interest, compliance with Americans with Disabilities requirements, parking and room space, and location in relation to major thoroughfares.

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