

# ELECTION FACTS



## *Let's talk about . . . ELECTION SECURITY!*

The growing threat of cybercrime has been on the minds of many voters. Recently, there have been many questions about the security of the voter data under the care of the election authorities. The Grundy County Clerk's office is committed to cybersecurity, and the physical security, of all our election data.

There have been many questions and stories about how secure our Elections are and if our elections can be hacked. Unfortunately, there has also been much mis-information spread to deliberately undermine the voter's confidence in our elections.

Here are facts regarding our election security:

- NONE of the voting equipment in Grundy County is ever connected to the Internet, either in the polling place or in the Clerk's Office, when votes are being tabulated, or results being processed, meaning they cannot be hacked.
- All voting machines are locked and sealed with numbered security seals, to prevent any type of tampering or system interference. The memory used with the machines **only** stores election information. No voter information is on the memory.
- All ballots cast have a 100% verified paper trail. Grundy County's Verity Voting system, is a trusted and proven process, the perfect paper trail with no votes encoded into barcodes, no segregated ballots, redundant storage and completely auditable results. We use a paper ballot, so there is always a back-up. Additionally, once the voting period concludes, Grundy County maintains all records for audit or recount for a set period as required by the State of Illinois.
- All voting machines are put through logic and accuracy testing before every election. This testing is completed with a test deck of ballots being voted on the machines, then tabulated to ensure the machines are tabulating and recording the votes accurately. The public is invited to observe the Public Test.
- Before the polls open on Election Day, election judges confirm that there are zero votes cast at the opening of the polls. They also compare the number of ballots cast to the number of voters processed throughout the day, making sure the vote count to number of voters balance.
- On Election Day, while the polls are open, the Election Judges periodically inspect the equipment and security seals to ensure no tampering has occurred.
- Poll Watchers are allowed to observe Early Voting and Election Day polling locations. They must follow the State of Illinois Poll watcher guidelines, and must surrender their Poll watcher credentials to the election judges at the polling location.

- After the polls close, two election judges, one from each political party, together, return all equipment, ballots and supplies from their polling location, to the Courthouse.
- After the Election, a re-tabulation of selected precincts by the IL State Board of Elections is completed to ensure that the reported results match the ballots cast, and that these results match the results from Election night. The public is invited to attend the Re-Tab/Canvass.
- Grundy County is committed to ensuring that every vote is counted and counted correctly. The County Clerk's Office has taken cybersecurity seriously, and has taken numerous steps to enhance all security processes, and will continue this effort.

As the election authority for Grundy County, nothing is as important as ensuring that voters have faith and confidence in the security of our elections, knowing that their votes are accurately counted and the integrity of the process will be protected.

Voters are encouraged to call or go directly to the County Clerk's Office, or to the County Clerk's website and verified social media pages to ensure voters are getting accurate election information.

CALL THE GRUNDY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE!

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