



Ballot Now Sample Ballots

The following are samples of ballots generated by the eSlate System. The samples show ballots using various BOSS ballot layout features, of a range of sizes, and printed on standard paper.



Sample Web Interface Ballot

VOTE BOTH SIDES

Joint Elections

Spanish - Joint Elections

Joint Elections (Harris County Nov 2001)

Spanish BT - Joint Election

November 06, 2001 - 06 Noviembre 2001

Precinto:0001-01

Instruction Note:

Nota de Instruccion:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

The constitutional amendment providing for clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 1

Enmienda constitucional que dispone aclarar los títulos de propiedad de terrenos, mediante la renuncia de una reclamación de título por parte del estado, a favor de los propietarios de ciertos terrenos en el Condado de Bastrop.

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PROPOSITION NO. 2

The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 2

Enmienda constitucional que autoriza la emisión de bonos y pagarés estatales de obligación general para proporcionar asistencia económica a los condados, para el desarrollo de proyectos de caminos que sirvan a las colonias fronterizas.

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PROPOSITION NO. 3

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 3

Enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura que exente de la tributación ad valorem de impuestos el cacao crudo y las semillas verdes de café almacenadas en el Condado de Harris.

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PROPOSITION NO. 4

The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 4

Enmienda constitucional que dispone establecer que la duración del cargo del comisionado de pensiones de los bomberos (fire fighters' pension commissioner) sea de cuatro años.

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PROPOSITION NO. 5

The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 5

Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a las municipalidades a donar equipo o suministros para combatir incendios, de carácter obsoleto o excedente, a países subdesarrollados.

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PROPOSITION NO. 6

The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 6

Enmienda constitucional que requiere que el Gobernador, bajo ciertas circunstancias, convoque una sesión especial para el nombramiento de electores presidenciales.

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PROPOSITION NO. 7

The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 7

Enmienda constitucional que autoriza al Consejo de Terrenos para Veteranos (Veteran's Land Board) emitir hasta \$500 millones de dólares en bonos de obligación general pagaderos de los ingresos generales del estado, con el fin de proporcionar asistencia a los veteranos en obtener viviendas, y para usar los activos en ciertos fondos de asistencia para terrenos y vivienda de veteranos para costear cementerios para veteranos.

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PROPOSITION NO. 8

The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment.

PROPOSICIÓN NÚM. 8

Enmienda constitucional que autoriza la emisión de hasta \$850 millones de dólares en bonos pagaderos de los ingresos generales del estado, para llevar a cabo proyectos de construcción y reparación y para la compra del equipo necesario.

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Sample Ballot

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Awards and Endorsements

This attachment highlights some of the awards and endorsements Hart InterCivic and the eSlate System have received in recognition of offering truly accessible voting options. The items are arranged in the following order:

- Harris County Texas selected as recipient of the 2002 National Association of Counties' Achievement Award for Disability, sponsored by the National Organization on Disability
- Letter from National Federation of the Blind
- Letter from National Organization on Disability

News Release

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Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman receives national award for accessible voting on behalf of Harris County

Harris County selected as recipient of the 2002 National Association of Counties' Achievement Award for Disability sponsored by the National Organization on Disability

HOUSTON, Texas — July 31, 2002 — Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman was honored at the annual conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo) earlier this month as Harris County was selected as the recipient of the association's 2002 NACo Achievement Award for Disability in recognition of Harris County's longstanding work and continuous improvement in making the voting process accessible to all voters in the county.

Through sponsorship by the National Organization on Disability, NACo presented this award to Harris County, meeting the award criteria as a NACo member county whose outstanding program or project was shown to enhance the ability of people with disabilities to participate in the processes, programs and activities of county government.

"Harris County has a long history of initiatives undertaken to make voting in the County as accessible as possible for all voters, said Beverly Kaufman, Harris County Clerk. "We made great efforts to make our polling places accessible to all by choosing only accessible locations with ramps and oversized doors long before this was mandated by law. In 1998, we purchased a special telephone system for our polling places that allowed voters with visual impairments and literacy challenged voters to call a special phone number to have the ballot read to them by a computer and cast their ballot through voice activation or by pressing the appropriate keys on the phone," said Kaufman.

Harris County is currently nearing completion of the third and final phase of its eSlate™ Electronic Voting System implementation, and by November 2002 the eSlate will completely replace the county's punch card voting system.

The eSlate Electronic Voting System, developed by Austin, Texas-based Hart InterCivic, Inc., includes devices that support mobility impaired individuals including movable buttons that can be used as an

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alternate method of navigating the ballot and casting votes. The system also includes an audio ballot reader supporting visually impaired voters or voters challenged by literacy issues. The system can even accommodate breath control devices – sometimes called “sip-and-puff” --- that allow the most seriously mobility impaired to cast votes independently.

“Beverly Kaufman and everyone associated with the Harris County Clerk’s Office is to be commended for their commitment to accessible voting,” said David Hart, Chairman of Hart InterCivic, the maker of the eSlate Electronic Voting System. “The Harris County Clerk’s office has always strived to offer the most accessible voting methods possible to the citizens of Harris County and we’re happy that the eSlate has been able to provide an even higher level of accessibility for all voters,” said Hart.

Harris County, Texas is the third largest US County by population, housing 1.6 million registered voters and the home of Houston, the nation’s fourth largest city.

Harris County has implemented a voter education program, HarrisVotes! to ensure that all voters, regardless of disability, come to the polls aware of the new system and competent and confident and their abilities to use the eSlate system. For more information on the HarrisVotes! voter education and outreach program and the eSlate system’s use in Harris County, visit www.harrisvotes.org or call 713.368.POLL.

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Marc Maurer, President

February 8, 2001

Mr. Bill Stotesbery
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Dear Mr. Stotesbery:

The National Federation of the Blind, the nation's oldest and largest organization of blind people, operates the International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind (IBTC). This demonstration and evaluation center of speech and Braille technology works with a variety of companies and organizations to ensure that the products they develop are accessible to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

We have had a number of opportunities to evaluate Hart InterCivic's eSlate electronic voting system and have appreciated the chance to provide comments about system features and enhancements that affect the blind. We have been very impressed with the design of the eSlate system insofar as nonvisual access is concerned. In addition to IBTC staff, a number of Federation members around the country have had an opportunity to use eSlate, and the comments we have received have been universally favorable. We found that the nonvisual interface was easy to learn and required very little user training. We also found that the rotary dial, used to navigate the ballot, represented a novel and innovative navigation feature that made it more convenient for the blind user to examine the ballot before casting the final vote.

In the past, with paper ballot and mechanical voting systems, it has been necessary for blind voters to obtain sighted assistance to participate in the electoral process. However, as voting systems become increasingly electronic in nature, there is absolutely no reason for this practice to continue. Blind people should be able to vote without sighted assistance on any electronic voting system. The eSlate system is the first significant step toward making electronic voting a task that the blind of America will be able to perform independently. We look forward to continuing to work with Hart InterCivic as it works to increase independent access to the electronic voting process.

Yours sincerely,

Curtis Chong, Director of Technology
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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February 8, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of eight million Americans whose visual limitations have kept them from casting a secret ballot. I am pleased to offer this letter supporting the efforts of Hart InterCivic to provide a voting system that enables persons with visual or mobility impairments to vote independently. I have had the opportunity to test Hart InterCivic's eSlate Electronic Voting System, and I believe that it represents a significant advance beyond the optical scan systems that are generally in use today.

There are nearly 40 million Americans of voting age with at least one disability, and many of them have never had the right of casting an independent ballot. Studies demonstrate that disabled voters consistently fail to vote at higher rates than the general population. In the November 2000 elections, 51% of the voting aged population as a whole voted, but only 40% of voting aged people with disabilities cast their ballot.

There are several keys to addressing this important issue, including polling place accessibility, voter and poll worker education, and voting machinery that support special needs.

Hart InterCivic's is one of four companies that has addressed the challenge of creating a truly accessible voting system. Hart InterCivic's eSlate has met the State of Texas's criteria that require all new voting equipment to be accessible to persons with disabilities. These criteria truly represent a model for the rest of the nation. In addition to meeting these criteria, Hart InterCivic's eSlate goes even further through the integration of a multilingual audio ballot reader, flexible interface devices, including "sip and puff capability," and even specially designed voting booths that support wheelchair access.

Efforts by companies like Hart InterCivic can make a major contribution to enfranchising disabled voters.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jim Dickson

Vice President, National Organization on Disability
and Director N.O.D. VOTE! 2000 Campaign

It's ability, not disability, that counts.



Election Day Quick Reference

This attachment shows the eSlate Election Day Quick Reference, one of the documents available to assist poll workers in the polling place.



Voter Instruction Materials

This attachment includes an instruction sheet to be given to voters prior to entering the voting booth, and placards to post in the eSlate voting booth. These materials are provided in the polling place to assist the voter in using the eSlate voting unit.