

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF _____, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION REQUIRING HAND MARKED BALLOTS AND A HAND AUDIT OF ALL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, there is documented lack of trust in voting machines in Arkansas;

WHEREAS, we, as a society have a fundamental right to accuracy, accountability, and transparency in elections;

WHEREAS, Arkansas is among the lowest in the nation for voter turnout:

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to increase voter participation and trust in the electoral process;

WHEREAS, a hand-count audit insures that voter intent is accurately reported;

WHEREAS, voter intent is proven to be more accurately captured on a hand-marked ballot, which reduces the risk and incidences of error and fraud;

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) require that accommodations must be made for disabled voters to ensure their right to vote with the same privacy and independence as a non-disabled voter;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that this county shall conduct elections on paper ballots pursuant to current Arkansas Law and the Arkansas Constitution - Amend. 50, § 2;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all votes must be cast on hand-marked paper ballots, unless accommodations by ballot-marking device are required to follow ADA and HAVA guidelines and Arkansas law for disabled voters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a full hand-scored audit of all of the races, measures, and referendums on all ballots must be conducted before final certification of all elections to ensure the accuracy of the results;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all ballots may be run through an electronic tabulator (optical-scan voting machine) after polls close on election night for a quick unofficial count prior to the required hand-scored audit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this county may use voting centers if they offer every ballot style on a paper ballot, either through the use of a ballot-on-demand printer or by having all ballot styles pre-printed, readily available, and on location at each voting center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county retains the right to sell any voting machines that are not needed or in use and apply the proceeds from the sale or lease of that equipment to supplement the cost of paper ballot purchases, ballot-on-demand printers, and labor for the audits; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution are severable, and if any should be held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall stand.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ DAY of _____ (month), 2023

Sponsored By: (list names)

APPROVED:

COUNTY JUDGE

Dated: _____