

Nacogdoches County's Voting System

Nacogdoches County uses Hart Intercivic's Verity Voting System.

All voters cast paper ballots in Nacogdoches County.

There are no ballots that are stored only in a digital format.

Voters simply show ID, then sign in to receive a paper ballot, and then mark the paper ballot with a pen before depositing the paper ballot into a locked metal ballot box which is sealed with a numbered seal at the end of the day.

Nacogdoches County also provides an electronic Ballot Marking Device for voters with disabilities at every polling location. "**Verity Duo with Access**" is the specific name of the electronic Ballot Marking Devices that Nacogdoches County provides at each polling location. These Ballot Marking Devices are produced by the Texas-based company, Hart Intercivic. **No electronic votes are stored on a Verity Duo with Access Ballot Marking Device.** The Ballot Marking Device is simply a tool, just like a pen is a tool, that a voter uses to make choices on a paper ballot, except it is specifically designed for voters with disabilities. After the voter finishes making his or her choices with the Verity Duo with Access Ballot Marking Device, a voter verifiable paper ballot is printed for the voter. This paper ballot provides a word-for-word legible record of the voter's ballot choices by contest, name of candidate and party, and it tabulates from the same human readable information that the voter verifies (*and not from a barcode*). The voter then puts the paper ballot produced by the Verity Duo with Access Ballot Marking Device into the same metal ballot box that all other voters use at the polling place.

Nacogdoches County has a Central Counting station on Election Night where all ballot boxes are delivered for counting. Lock and seal numbers on metal ballot boxes are verified before they are opened, and then we use high speed scanners for processing the paper ballots with Hart Intercivic's Verity Central software. We also use Hart Intercivic's Verity Count software to tabulate votes on Election Night.