

**CERTIFICATION OF THIRD TEST OF AUTOMATED TABULATING EQUIPMENT
USED AT THE CENTRAL COUNTING STATION**

I, the Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station do hereby certify that the third test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used to count the ballots for the

_____ Election to be held on ____/____/____
(name of election) (date of election)

was conducted using a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and for and against each proposition on the ballot for the election. [Sec. 127.094]

The test was successful and was concluded at _____ on ____/____/____.
(time) (date)

Printed Name of Presiding Judge of Central Counting Station

Signature of Presiding Judge of Central Counting Station

NOTE TO PRESIDING JUDGE:

If the initial third test conducted under Section 127.093(d) is unsuccessful, the count of ballots voted in the election obtained with the automatic tabulating equipment is void.

If the initial third test is successful, the automatic count of ballots voted in the election is valid for the purpose of certifying the election returns prepared at the central counting station. The Presiding Judge shall certify in writing that the initial test was successful and the date and hour the test was completed. The certification shall be retained with the test materials.

If the initial third test was unsuccessful, the testing authorities shall follow the procedure prescribed by Section 127.097. When a test is successful, the ballots to be counted automatically shall immediately be counted. Immediately on completing the automatic count, the equipment shall again be tested, and if the initial test is successful the automatic count is valid for the purpose of certifying the election returns. Otherwise, the automatic ballot count is void.

The procedure prescribed by 127.098(c) shall be repeated until a valid automatic count is obtained or the testing authorities determine that obtaining a valid automatic count is impracticable. In that case, the ballots shall be counted manually. [Sec. 127.098]