

Risk-Limiting Audit Pilot Program Update

Texas Secretary of State

Seminar 2023

RLA Basics

What is an RLA?



Checks results



Random ballots



Towards goal

Basic requirements



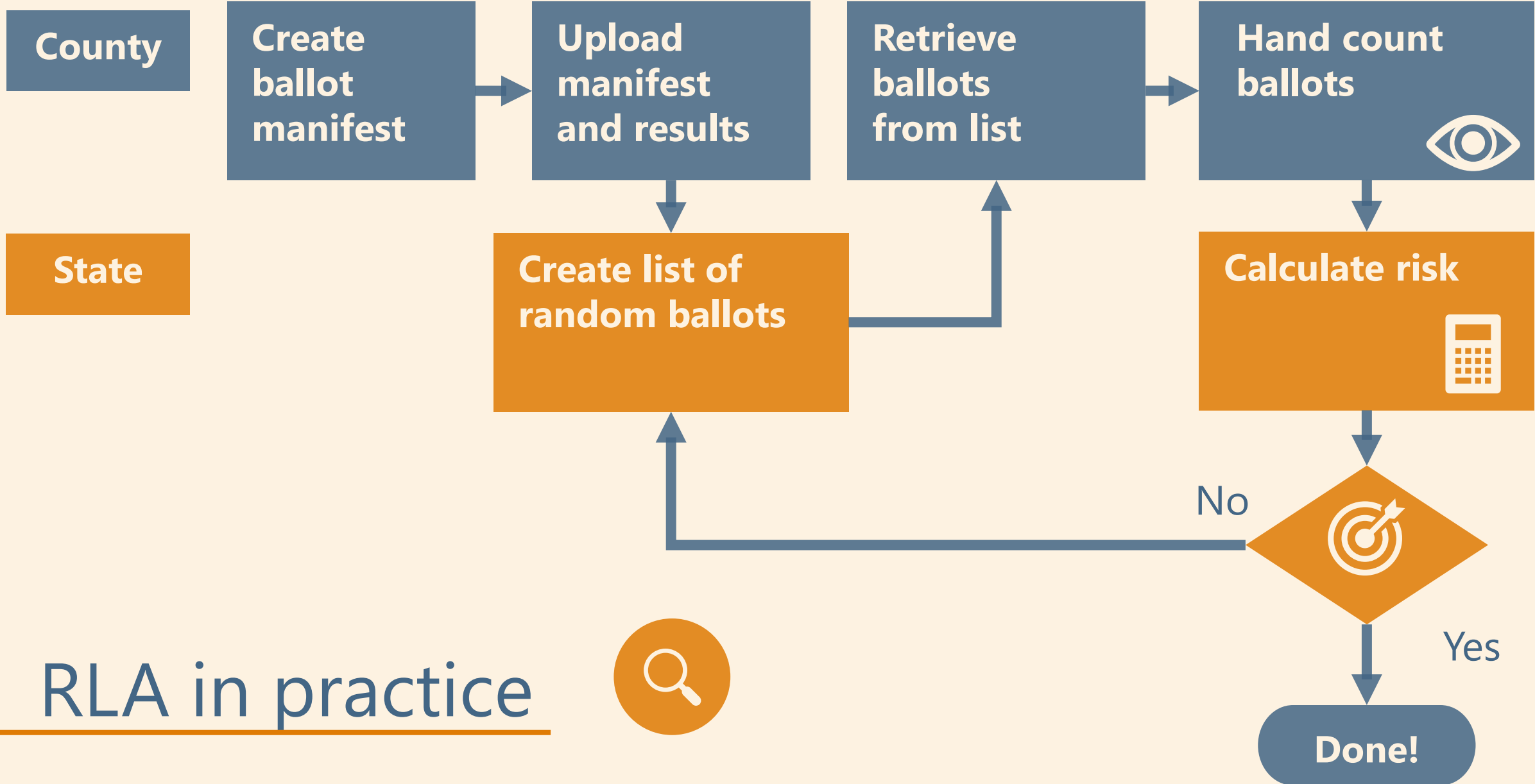
2022 Pilots

7 counties hosted

- Bastrop
- Chambers
- Denton
- Hays
- Lubbock
- Tarrant
- Travis

Another 17 counties attended

- Burleson
- Caldwell
- Comal
- Erath
- Fayette
- Grimes
- Hockley
- Houston
- Kaufman
- Kendall
- Lavaca
- Madison
- Montgomery
- Randall
- San Jacinto
- Washington
- Williamson



Ballot manifest

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1	Batch Name	Number of Ballots
2	Anderson High School 5/6/2023	251
3	Asian American Resource Center 5/6/2023	62
4	Austin Achieve Northeast Campus 5/6/2023	34
5	Austin Recreation Center 5/6/2023	471
6	Bailey Middle School 5/6/2023	20
7	Balcones Woods Shopping Center 5/6/2023	663
8	Bedichek Middle School 5/6/2023	187
9	Ben Hur Shrine Center 5/6/2023	1413
10	Delco Center 5/6/2023	95
11	Disability Rights Texas 5/6/2023	448
12	Dittmar Recreation Center 5/6/2023	396
13	ED Prov C0001 5/6/2023	4
14	EV Cart 01 - ACC Elgin (EV1) - (4/24-5/2/2023)	32
15	EV Cart 01 - Austin City Hall (EV2) - (04/24/23)	129
16	EV Cart 02 - City of Austin Permitting & Development (EV9) - (04/30/23)	84
17	EV Cart 02 - City of Austin Permitting & Development (EV9) - (05/01/23)	305
18	EV Prov D0001 5/6/2023	1
19	EV Prov D0002 5/6/2023	11
20	BBM A0001 5/6/2023	359
21	BBM A0002 5/6/2023	166

Ballot retrieval

Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 61
Batch: EV Cart 01 - Austin Energy
Headquarters (EV3) - (04/28/23)

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Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 1113 Batch: EV Cart 02 - Ben Hur Shrine Center (EV7) #2 - (05/02/23)	Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 221 Batch: EV Cart 02 - Christ Episcopal (EV8) - (05/02/23)	Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 91 Batch: EV Cart 04 - Gus Garcia Recreation Center (EV13) - (04/28/23)
Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 46 Batch: EV Cart 05 - Riverbend Centre (EV19) - (04/26/23)	Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 83 Batch: EV Cart 05 - Westminster Presbyterian (EV23) - (04/26/23)	Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 34 Batch: Genesis Presbyterian 5/6/2023
Audit Board #1 - Ballot Number: 12 Batch: North Village Branch Library 5/6/2023	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 429 Batch: EV Cart 01 - Austin Energy Headquarters (EV3) - (05/01/23)	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 325 Batch: EV Cart 03 - Balcones Woods Shopping Center (EV6) - (04/27/23)
Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 339 Batch: EV Cart 05 - Randalls Flagship West Lake Hills (EV17) - (04/25/23)	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 76 Batch: EV Cart 05 - UT Flawn Academic Center (EV22) - (04/25/23)	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 3 Batch: EV Cart 06 - Westminster Presbyterian (EV23) - (04/29/23)
Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 162 Batch: George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center 5/6/2023	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 179 Batch: Peace Lutheran 5/6/2023	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 106 Batch: Twin Oaks Branch Library 5/6/2023
Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 216 Batch: Twin Oaks Branch Library 5/6/2023	Audit Board #2 - Ballot Number: 231 Batch: Twin Oaks Branch Library 5/6/2023	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 50 Batch: Balcones Woods Shopping Center 5/6/2023
Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 308 Batch: Balcones Woods Shopping Center 5/6/2023	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 72 Batch: Church of Christ in Hyde Park 5/6/2023	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 125 Batch: EV Cart 01 - Austin Energy Headquarters (EV3) - (05/02/23)
Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 172 Batch: EV Cart 03 - Balcones Woods Shopping Center (EV6) #2 - (04/30/23)	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 118 Batch: EV Cart 05 - Randalls Flagship West Lake Hills (EV17) - (04/27/23)	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 20 Batch: EV Cart 06 - Westminster Presbyterian (EV23) - (04/30/23)
Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 218 Batch: EV Cart 06 - South Austin Recreation Center (EV20) - (05/02/23)	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 493 Batch: Lakeway Activity Center 5/6/2023	Audit Board #3 - Ballot Number: 342 Batch: South Austin Recreation Center 5/6/2023

What we Learned

Lessons

- Hands-on experience
- Ballot retrieval
- Software

Importance of preparation

- Well-labeled containers
- Organize ballot storage
- Descriptive ballot manifest

Challenges

- Large batches
- Large workload for close races
- Unpredictability
- Messaging
- Coordination

What's Next

Plans for fall 2023

- Increase number of regional pilots
- Conduct multiple pilots simultaneously
- Develop training materials
- Refine procedures locally and statewide
- Try new methods

Plans for 2024 and 2025

- Increase number of regional pilots
- More independence
- Finalize policy and procedures

How to sign up

Send an email to elections@sos.texas.gov

Q&A with guest

Kristin Miles, REO

Elections Administrator

Bastrop County