

**Emergency Measures
To Protect The 2004 Vote Count**

These measures will help assure voters that votes were counted correctly and will help protect counties from potential legal challenges to their elections.

- a. All votes for federal offices will be counted by hand, in public view, at the polling place before they are transmitted or transported to a central facility.
- b. Precinct totals will be prominently posted at the polling place before the ballots are transmitted or transported to a central facility.
- c. Ballots may be counted and aggregated electronically, in addition to the hand-count. However, in any case where a discrepancy exists, the hand-count will be considered the official result.

To County Leaders:

We the undersigned urge you to adopt these Emergency Measures. By doing this manual count, you can assure us that the votes have been counted correctly.

Both major parties are forming networks of lawyers ready to challenge questionable results. By conducting a manual count of votes for federal office, you can protect us from potential legal action.

It would take less than an hour in each precinct and could potentially save the county hundreds of hours and enormous expense defending itself in court or confirming results by doing full recounts.

In precincts with paper ballots, no material changes are required.

In paperless precincts, federal offices can be removed from the electronic ballot, and a simple paper ballot can be used for the two or three federal votes. The cost will be minimal. A combination of electronic and paper ballots was used without problems in Pompano Beach, Florida in March 2004. If it can be done for a wordy ballot, it certainly can be done to avoid a national crisis.

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