

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO SB 100 & SB 1402

Hidalgo County
Elections Department

Summary of SB 100 & SB 1402



- SB 100 requires that Military ballots be mailed 45 days prior to Election Day;
- SB 1402 which is exclusive to Hidalgo County allows the community to petition their governing boards to Full Contract with the Elections Department for that calendar year;
 - ▣ NOTE: All recommendations proposed meet both Senate Bill requirements.

Proposal A – Entity moving election from May to November and full contract with the county

- NOTE: Leasing services would not be provided in either May or November uniform election date;
- Entities ballot will be joint with the County's ballot;
 - See Exhibit A – Current estimated cost of Lease May Contract;
 - See Exhibit B – Estimated cost if Lease May Contract moves from May to November; based on 4 precincts and sharing cost amongst county and 3 entities.

Comparison cost for Proposal A Entity moving May to November

May Limited Uniform Election Date

- Total Cost: \$5,736.58
 - ▣ Stand alone election.
 - ▣ See Exhibit A

November General Election Date

- Total Cost: \$9,595.48
 - ▣ Shared cost with County and 3 Entities;
 - ▣ On Election Day, entity's polling locations increase.
 - ▣ See Exhibit B

Questions



- Questions on Proposal A?

Proposal B – Even year entities change their uniform election date to odd years.

- NOTE: Leasing services not available to contract with county for entities remaining in even number years or on uniform election dates;
 - Cost would remain the same;
 - Changing to an odd year - no conflict with the county's primary and primary runoff;
 - County able to provide full contract and leasing options to all entities (odd number years only);
 - No need to hire additional personnel and purchase additional voting machines, licenses and equipment.

Questions



- Questions on Proposal B?

Proposal C – Continue to provide full contract and leasing services on *May* even numbered years.



**To continue providing services
as they are now...**

Continue Status Quo

Item	Price	Total Cost
10 iVotronics	\$ 1,500.00	\$15,000.00
25 ADA iVotronic	\$ 1,695.00	\$42,375.00
75 iVotronics	\$ 1,595.00	\$119,625.00
Maintenance	\$ 95.00	\$ 10,450.00
Shipping		\$ 8,000.00
5 Employees		\$142,000.00
Computer/Equip		\$3,500.00
Office Equipment		\$5,000.00
50 Cages w/Covers	\$ 628.01	\$31,000.00
Software License		\$3,000.00
Server		\$5,000.00
		\$384,950.00

- 10 iVotronics purchased from Starr County;
- 100 refurbished iVotronics purchased from ES&S;
- Hire 5 Additional Full-Time Employees;
- Purchase 50 Cages;
- Purchase additional supplies.

Purchase vs. Leasing Voting Equipment

Purchase iVotronics (Refurbished)

- Total Cost - \$162,000.00
 - ▣ 25 ADAs
 - ▣ 75 iVotronics
 - ADA iVotronic - \$1695.00
 - iVotronic - \$1595.00
 - Shipping - ??

Lease iVotronics (Refurbished) (Minimum 200)

- Total Cost - \$97,500.00
 - ▣ 75 ADAs
 - ▣ 125 iVotronics
 - ADA iVotronic - \$500.00
 - iVotronic - \$400.00
 - Shipping - \$10,000.00

Proposed changes to billing

Current lease invoice

- Total Cost: \$7,323.99
 - ▣ See Exhibit C

Proposed lease increases

- Total Cost: \$14,473.07
 - ▣ See Exhibit D

Current full contract invoice

- Total Cost: \$28,806.06
 - ▣ See Exhibit E

Proposed full contract increases

- Total Cost: \$32,907.61
 - ▣ See Exhibit F

NOTE: Amounts are figured on a 19 Precinct Entity with 7 Polling Locations.

Election Code Sec. 123.032 (d)

- The maximum amount that a county in which a political subdivision is wholly or partly situated may charge the political subdivision for leasing county-owned equipment is 10 percent of the purchase price of the equipment for each DAY the equipment is leased.
 - ▣ Original purchase price of one (1) ADA was \$2,995.00
 - 10% is \$299.50 per day
 - 9 Days of Early Voting (May) = \$2,695.50 vs. \$500.00 proposed charge for entire election per ADA
 - ▣ Original purchase price of one (1) iVotronic was \$2,500.00
 - 10% is \$250.00 per day
 - 9 Days of Early Voting (May) = \$2,250.00 vs. \$400.00 proposed charge for entire election per iVotronic

What we provide vs. What we charge and what the county incurs

	2011	2010
Total Costs For Elections	\$255,606.15	\$495,708.75
Total Billed/Invoiced	\$145,665.97	\$441,335.02
County Incurred Charges	\$109,940.18	\$54,373.73

- Total yearly maintenance charges - \$185,194.87
 - Voting Machines
 - Software/Firmware

Questions



- Questions on Proposal C?

In Summary...



- The proposals listed are a short term solution for the upcoming 2012 Primary Election year.
 - ▣ Issues that need to be addressed for a long term solution include needed space for additional:
 - Personnel
 - Workspace
 - iVotronic Voting Machines
 - Equipment
 - See Exhibit G

Proposal D – Original Proposed Plan of Action

- County no longer provides leasing services
- Requires:
 - ▣ One (1) additional employee
 - \$27,000.00
 - ▣ One (1) additional server
 - \$5000.00
 - ▣ Five (5) additional temporary employees
 - \$85,000.00
 - ▣ One (1) Software Licenses
 - \$3,000.00
 - ▣ Total Cost: \$120,000.00

Questions



- Questions on Proposal D?