

52.38 Testing portable tabulating devices.

All portable tabulating devices shall be tested before any election in which they are to be used following the procedure in section 52.35, subsection 2. Testing shall be completed not later than twelve hours before the opening of the polls on the morning of the election. For any election to fill a partisan office, the chairperson of each political party shall be notified in writing of the time the devices will be tested so that the chairperson or a representative may be present. For every election, the commissioner shall include the notice in the notice of the election published as required by section 49.53. Those present for the test shall sign a certificate which shall read substantially as follows:

The undersigned certify that we were present and witnessed the testing of the portable tabulating devices in the following precincts, that we believe the devices are in proper condition for use in the election of (date); that following the test the vote totals were erased from the memory of each portable tabulating device and a report was produced showing that all vote totals in the memory were set at 0000; that the devices were securely locked or sealed; and that the serial numbers and locations of the devices which were tested are listed below. Signed name and political party affiliation, f applicable) name and political party affiliation, f applicable) oting equipment custodian ated Precinct Location Serial Number
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