CHAPTER 7

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION COMMITTEE [Sec. 87.027]

SECTION A: AVAILABLE IN ANY ELECTION.

1. Early Voting Clerk:
   a. determines whether needed;
   b. determines place, day(s), hours of operation; and (Committee may not begin operating before the 20th day before election day.)
   c. issues written order calling for appointment of committee. (Order of appointment must be posted for 10 days before committee meets.)

2. Governing body of political subdivision appoints within 5 days of clerk's order.

3. Early Voting Clerk determines number of members.
   a. Committee is composed of a minimum of 5 members; no maximum.
   b. Members must be qualified voters of territory covered by election.
   c. APPLIES ONLY TO COUNTY: Party members must be balanced if party alignment on ballot.

4. If a signature verification committee is appointed, the early voting clerk delivers jacket envelopes to committee instead of early voting ballot board.
   a. May deliver only during hours of operation.
   b. Times of delivery must be scheduled in advance.
   c. Notice of time of delivery must be posted continuously for 2 days before delivery.

5. Function of committee
   a. Only compares signatures on applications and corresponding carrier envelopes.
   b. Places those that match in one container and those that do not in another.
   c. Committee chair delivers sorted materials to early voting ballot board as directed by judge of early voting ballot board.
   d. If signature verification committee has decided signatures match, early voting ballot board cannot make a different determination.
e. Early voting ballot board makes a determination if signature verification committee cannot determine.