

# Vote Center Frequently Asked Questions

## McLennan County, Texas

1. **What is a Vote Center?**

A “Vote Center” is a polling place where any registered voter in McLennan County may vote, as long as the voter lives in the county holding the election. Simply stated, with Vote Centers, there is no wrong place to vote!

2. **Can I really go to any Vote Center?**

Yes, you can visit any Vote Center that is operating for the election.

3. **What keeps me from voting twice?**

The McLennan County Electronic Poll Book links every Vote Center together via a virtual private network. When you check in at one Vote Center your record is instantly updated to reflect that you checked in and voted. If you tried to vote at another location, the system would not allow you to vote twice.

4. **What happens if I cannot vote on Election Day?**

You can vote before the election at an Early Voting Polling Place. There are 2 weeks of Early Voting and extended hours on the weekend and the second week of Early Voting.

5. **How does a voting machine in McLennan County give me the correct ballot for all of the various jurisdictions?**

The electronic voting machines can hold many different ballot styles. When you check in, the poll worker will give you a 4 digit code that tells the machine which ballot to display for you. This ensures that no matter what district you live in you will get the correct ballot.

6. **If there are fewer places to vote, won't there be longer lines?**

Lines may develop during certain elections and at certain times of day, but generally, those counties that have used Vote Centers, have found that voters had shorter waiting times than regular precinct elections. Currently, we do not know which Vote Centers will be the most popular, but we will have extra staff and equipment standing by to deliver to Vote Centers that are busier.

7. **What are the advantages of Vote Centers?**

Voters like being able to choose where they vote. Vote Centers are more convenient for most voters. Voter participation has been falling for decades; counties that use Vote Centers find that more people vote. Vote Centers are also more efficient.

8. **I'm not a McLennan County resident but work in McLennan County. Can I vote at a McLennan County Vote Center?**

No. Participation in Vote Centers is limited to people who are registered to vote in McLennan County.

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