

Lost Votes Summary White Paper

Problems: The county and state election roster data does not match, and reconciliation is difficult if not impossible to achieve.

Goal: There is a need for a better and more transparent reconciliation at the county level, and at the state level before certification.

Solution: We need a law to require names, VUIDs and numbers to match from the Precinct or Polling Center to the County Central Count to the State. And if they do not match, then you cannot certify the election. Just like balancing a checkbook to the penny, we should be able to balance the voters from the lowest to the highest level in the state.

Graphics Provided:

1. Arbitrary removal and addition of certified voters from the state list months after the election (figures 1 & 2 & 3)
2. State Voter Information Database modification anomaly (Figure 4)
3. Reconciliation comments from real reconciliation reports (Primary 2022)

The first issue is that months after an election, voters are removed from the State List. The example below comes from the State List of Voters for Collin County for the March 1, 2022 Primary Election. Notice that from May 29 to May 30 a couple from Plano was removed from the State list of voters. We checked with the County and they have confirmed that they in fact did vote. So what is happening in the State records for this couple to be removed months after the election?

The names have been blurred for privacy. But can be shared with legislators.

Date	Name	Address	Precinct	Status
5/29	STU/2022 WANDA HUGHES WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA JAMES WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	300	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	200	
	STU/2022 WANDA BLANCHARD WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA WENDY SCHULZ	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA CLARE WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA EDWARD JONES	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA JAMES WATSON	1,070-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA WENDY SCHULZ	1,000-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	100	XXX
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	100	XXX
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	30	
5/30	STU/2022 WANDA HUGHES WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA JAMES WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	300	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	200	
	STU/2022 WANDA BLANCHARD WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA WENDY SCHULZ	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA CLARE WATSON	1,000-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA EDWARD JONES	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA JAMES WATSON	1,070-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA WENDY SCHULZ	1,000-HSR RD	170	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,070-HSR RD	100	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	30	
	STU/2022 WANDA WATSON JR	1,000-HSR RD	300	

Figure 1. Two people removed from the State Roster for March Primary – Removed sometime between 5/29 and 5/30

Here is another example from Collin County where the State added four voters sometime between May 3, 2022 and June 10, 2022. Where did these names come from?

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35814	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35815	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35816	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35817	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35818	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35819	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35820	3/1/2022		248		3/1/2022		248
35821	Date	NG_P	PRECINCT		Date	NG_P	PRECINCT
35822	3/1/2022		221	ssss	3/1/2022		231
35823	3/1/2022		229	ssss	3/1/2022		240
35824	3/1/2022		231	ssss	3/1/2022		221
35825	3/1/2022		240	ssss	3/1/2022		229
35826				ssss	3/1/2022		59
35827				ssss	3/1/2022		150
35828				ssss	3/1/2022		67
35829				ssss	3/1/2022		67
35830							
35831				left column was 03 May - 2 months after the primary		right side is June 10th	
35832							
35833				this is a list of voters who voted.			
35834							
35835				The state has 2 instances of [redacted] and [redacted] in 2 different precincts - this is possible given name statistics.			
35836				especially since their VUID are different - but it's the 4 names added that is a problem.			
35837				But why were			
35838				these names:			
35839				[redacted]			
35840							
35841							
35842							
35843							
35844							
35845							

Figure 2 comparing 5/3 to 6/10 for the March Primary – 2 duplicates but that might be OK, as it may be possible with suffixes, but there were also 4 names added over 2 months after the election.

And this issue does not just occur in Collin County.

Here is a chart from Galveston County. This chart was downloaded from the SOS website on July 2, 2022, and July 24, 2022 (four months after the primary). Notice that there are 2 votes removed from the Official Election Day Voting Information.

11	HIDALGO	'an	404,404	4,974	15,219	4.00%	179	15,398	3.81%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	HIDALGO	'an	404,404	4,974	15,219	4.00%	179	15,398	
12	WILLIAMSON	Republican	399,779	20,783	46,517	12.00%	1,582	48,099	12.03%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	WILLIAMSON	Republican	399,779	20,783	46,517	12.00%	1,582	48,099	1
13	MONTGOMERY	Republican	391,078	29,793	69,256	17.82%	3,272	72,528	18.55%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	MONTGOMERY	Republican	391,078	29,793	69,256	17.82%	3,272	72,528	1
14	GALVESTON	Republican	229,469	10,886	29,830	13.00%	1,669	31,499	13.73%	Click Here	0	0	0	2	2	GALVESTON	Republican	229,469	10,886	29,830	13.00%	1,671	31,501	1
15	BRAZORIA	Republican	228,253	10,374	29,584	13.00%	1,479	31,063	13.61%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	BRAZORIA	Republican	228,253	10,374	29,584	13.00%	1,479	31,063	1
16	CAMERON	Republican	222,642	4,079	10,377	5.00%	260	10,637	4.78%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	CAMERON	Republican	222,642	4,079	10,377	5.00%	260	10,637	
17	BELL	Republican	218,892	11,131	20,122	9.00%	1,351	21,473	9.81%	Click Here	0	0	0	0	0	BELL	Republican	218,892	11,131	20,122	9.00%	1,351	21,473	

Figure 3 – This is 4 months after the election. 2 votes were removed from the OFFICIAL Election Day Voting Information.

The election numbers should be a fixed set of names and VUIDs **at the time of certification**. Why are numbers and names changing months after the election? And who is doing this? Is there something in the system that makes these changes?

These data changes do not appear to be happening at the county level. So what is happening at the State level? The SOS website has a disclaimer that says that they do not alter or modify data provided by the county.

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According to the above disclaimer, the State doesn't alter any information; therefore, there should NOT be changes at the State level that are not happening at the County level.

This series of screen shots shows unusual modifications of the state database with the timestamp going backwards.

DEMOCRATS on 4/22 at 6:13 PM

2022 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY (March)

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[Past Early Voting Totals](#)

Official Early Voting Turnout by Date

Last Updated: 04-22-2022 02:40:01 PM

-- Select Early Voting Date --

Official Polling Place Information by County

Last Updated: 04-09-2022 03:36:56 PM

-- Select County --

Official Election Day Turnout by County

Last Updated: 04-22-2022 02:08:32 PM

-- Select Date --

Previous

Submit

DEMOCRATS on 4/22 at 8:57PM

3hrs

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Official Early Voting Turnout by Date

Last Updated: 04-22-2022 07:05:00 PM

February 25, 2022

Official Polling Place Information by County

Last Updated: 04-09-2022 03:36:56 PM

-- Select County --

Official Election Day Turnout by County

Last Updated: 04-20-2022 10:03:27 AM

-- Select Date --

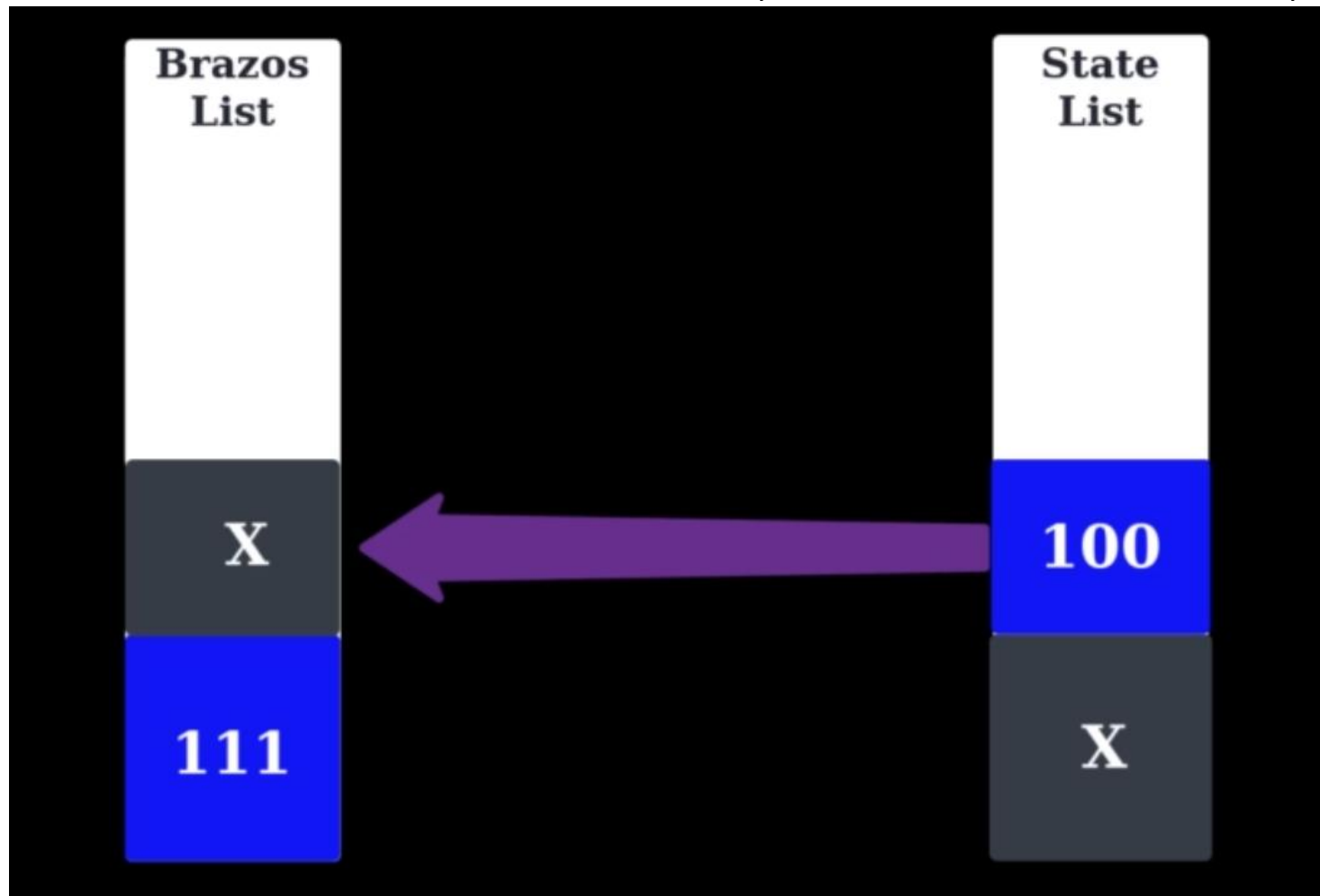
Previous

Submit

Figure 4. Comparing the selection menu on 4/22 at approx. 6PM and 9PM – Date stamp is artificially being adjusted.

We documented issues of Lost Votes in our Documentary that can be found at LOSTVOTES.us which primarily focused on Brazos County.

But a quick graphic shows that if we compare the Brazos County list of voters to the State list, there are 111 names in the Brazos List that are not in the State list and 100 names on the State list that are not in the Brazos list. If these are county officials or others whose names are redacted, then they need to be accounted for in some way.



We have the list of names and VUIDS that we can share with legislators.

RECONCILIATION DIFFERENCE

In 2021, a law was enacted to require counties to produce a reconciliation report after each election.

Below is a list of reasons given on Reconciliation Reports during the 2022 Primary Election.

Approximately 85 counties were missing reconciliation reports at the time we did this research.

Here are around 100 responses from County Election personnel giving their reason for reconciliation mismatches. Do they think that nobody will read these? The other thing we notice was how many people can't follow instructions or do basic math.

The remaining counties had a reconciliation response that seemed ok, and those are not listed in the comments below.

There are a few comments that are highlighted in yellow that should be investigated further and others with our comments that will be noted as (LV Comment) below:

-10 spoiled ballots, voter left machine, changed mind prior to ballot being cast (too many)

2 fleeing voters ballots spoiled but unable to identify voters to cancel checkins

5182 No reason given.

2 not checked as provisional, fleeing voter

-274 not properly signed in

21 voter walkoffs

300 fleeing voters and unreturned ballots by mail

3 No reason given.

3 No reason given.

0 (LV Comment) SB0, but they listed 16 on form

-3 No reason given.

221 No reason given.

7 No reason given.

3 No reason given.

4 mail in not returned, one fleeing voter

-2 extra ballot, 1 arrived after deadline

-60

-2 mail in-1 after deadline, one had defect

0 (LV Comment) SB0, but they listed 3 fleeing voters

3 No reason given.

0 (LV Comment) sb0, but they listed 11 on report (provisional)

-6 3 voted twice, 3 omitted

-35 No reason given.

4 fleeing voters

3 Walkaways

-2 No reason given.

8 No reason given.

-3 mail in not returned

0 (LV Comment) SB 0 but listed 35 +2

-3 (LV Comment) SB (-3), but they have 1 on report

882 (LV Comment) they said 0, it was actually 882. Needs investigation

2 No reason given.

1 fleeing voter

1 Walkaway (LV Comment) (SB1, but listed 2)

255 mail ballots surrendered concealed, voided, not returned by user

1 one ballot found after canvass

-6 fleeing voters (SB6, report says 11)

4 this small difference in can be explained by limited voters ?

1643 needs further investigation and attached sheet see BYCountyNoteonHarris

-3 provisional not a registered voter mail received after the deadline

19 fleeing voters

3 3 extra checkin that did not cast a ballot

EV checkin as REP voted DEM ED fleeing voters mail ballot one with no ballot. 104 is not

104 explained properly

-4 3 ballots not returned - no comment on rep - (LV Comment) but they could not do math

31 walk aways and 1 early not tabulated - (LV Comment) that's a lot of walkaways

1 one walk away

0 2 EV checked in as Dem but voted REP

-109 received after deadline (LV Comment) why included in original count if received late

-9 didn't have DL or SSN ???
(LV Comment) they didn't add right - but they said 1 voter didn't get checked in to epollbook
pollworker was going to have him sign paper combo form but did not remember after voter
-7 voted - what?
-3 2 fleeing voter and 1 prov voters ballot not completed
0 (LV Comment) they said 22 ? Mail ballots still pending - cant do math
340 mail ballots not returned - why are mailed ballots in this count anyway?
1 walkaway (sb1, report lists 0)
-3 (LV Comment) (sb-3, listed 0 on report)
-2 walkaway, operator error
17 absentee not returned
-3 No reason given.
9 not counted by machine, but handcounted by BB
19 Walkaways
-3 no ID on ballot
0 bad math but diff is zero
9 (LV Comment) provisionals? Not sure that makes sense
0 Na
-5 carrier env after deadline and no identification to very and complete
16 didn't complete, 1 env no ballot, 11 didn't complete 9 recorded more voters checked in
37 than cast votes
0 bad math but its ok
-20 no explanation
3 no explanation
-2 never pressed submit – maybe
0 bad match but all ok
-5 bad match 15 vs 5 15 checked in no cast
1 after rush DS200 count was 1 less - assume a fleeing voter
-4 bad match no explain
22 ev and eday walk aways 22 walkaways is suspect
62 no explain
7 walkaways, provisional error
4 walk away

- 4 (LV Comment) bad math no explanation
- 6 no explanation
- 52 mail ballots not mailed back ???
- 1 (LV Comment) document wrong shows 0 not -1 with no explain
- 0 (LV Comment) reconcile sheet wrong - E-H-M was zero they said 2
- 4 3 fleeing voters 1 ballot empty
- 16 ballots not returned
- 0 2 bbm not returned
- 12 county did not subtract correctly they said 16 differences
- 15 12 fleeing reps, 3 fleeing dems
- 1 they didn't add right - its -1 not 0
- 1 voter abandoned vote in the marking machine
- 2 2 blank ballots, DS200 wont run a blank ballot
- 273 No reason given.
- 8 walkoffs 1 expired access code 1 mail ballot undeliverable 3 change party 4 returned after
- 17 deadline
- 1 one fleeing voter
- 22 Walkaways
- 23 confidential and fleeing voters
- 0 (LV Comment) - could not do math - they said 5 its actually zero all well
- 12 no explain
- 10 ballots not returned? 2 apps rejected, 28 not returned, undeliverable 5 rejected switched parties after sign in
- 63
- 11 omissions list, redistricting
- 6 6 ballots by mail not returned?
- 0 6 ballots by mail not returned?
- 11 suspect fleeing voters
- 38 flee voters suspected
- 15 spoiled ballots, voter left machine, changed mind prior to ballot being cast
- 0 ballot board rejected voter refused correction

Conclusion

There is a need for better reconciliation form instructions. **But that is not enough.** The real question is: Why are there discrepancies? We believe the election office should definitively determine what went wrong and balance the counts completely before an election can be certified.

Solution: Add a new law requiring reconciliation from the Precinct (or voting center) to the County to the State. There are no counties where the numbers, names, and VUIDS match from the County to the State. All info needs to be validated at the lowest level (the source of truth) and then just passed up through the system. The information should match all the way up the chain, and if it doesn't, then the election cannot and should not be certified until it does.