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To: Krystal Ocon <KOcon@brazoscountytexas.gov>
CC: TAC Elections Community <tac-elections@groups.county.org>
Subject: [TAC-Elections] Re: Public Information Request for equipment manuals

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Trudy Hancock - Brazos County - Elections Administrator

The manuals are open for public inspection but the requestor can not take notes, pictures, video, etc. I would have them give you the AG Opinion. I have someone come in with an AG Opinion but it had to do with copyrighted materials. Manuals are not copyright they are proprietary. Two different things.

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Jana Onyon - Ellis County - Elections Administrator

This is the response from my DA to that request....

[Response Letter 02.15.2024.pdf](#)

Shannon Brown - Rusk County - Elections Administrator

My attorney is sending to get an AG opinion due to the guy/lady arguing with us about it all. They are not satisfied with viewing it in our office.

Jennifer Briggs - Elections Administrator

I would contact your vendor and get their feedback and your county attorney.

I think Field Guides may be subject, but actually manuals on more technical and sensitive subject matter, may not be.

I am with HART but I found this PIR info sheet about media devices from ES&S from Jan 2023.

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[Texas Public Information Request- USB Media. ESS Response 1.25.2023.pdf](#)

Dorothy Oliver - Burt County
Election Administrator

Public Information Request for equipment manuals

Help, my brain is not functioning at full capacity today. I have a Public Information Request for all of my equipment manuals in PDF. My poorly functioning brain is telling me that these were at one time ruled as sensitive documents and how to be viewed in person and no photo copies allowed. This person has informed me that the OAG recently ruled that these are subject to

PIR and they can request PDFs

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Subject: [TAC-Elections] Re: Voter signing ballot

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HB 5180 in the last session requires that any information that identifies the voter MUST be redacted.

Trudy

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Sheri Nerren - Rockwall County

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I've watched quite a few videos that an enthusiast has sent me just so I can keep up with what is going on. Yes, this is one of those things that has been suggested to do so they can see in the CVR that their votes were actually counted and were what they selected. My only question is, because that voted ballot becomes a public record, do we have to redact their signature? My thought is they are knowingly signing a public record so they made that choice kind of like a petition but then there's the whole thing about what is considered available for inspection and released.

Trudy Hancock - Brazos County

Brazos County • Elections Administrator

The only issue is that you will need to be sure to redact his name from his ballot before releasing or posting copies of the ballots.

Voter signing ballot

I have always been told that the voters do not sign their ballots. So yesterday, we had a voter that said he would not put his ballot in the scanner, until he signs his name and if we would let him sign it, he would tear it up. After a lengthy conversation with him, I called the SOS and was told there was nothing in the code to stop a voter from signing his name on his ballot. So..... he signed his name and scanned it. I am just trying to see if I am the only one that has been doing this for 10 years or has it come to just let the voter do whatever they want?

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