

# 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.