

Frequently Asked Questions about Cast Vote Records (EVS versions 6.0.0.0 and above)

1. What is a Cast Vote Record (CVR)?

A cast vote record (CVR) is a permanent record of all votes produced by a single voter as interpreted by the voting equipment or, in some cases, as adjudicated. Some versions of voting software provide an option to archive cast vote records as well as ballot images. If retrieval of cast vote records and/or ballot images is required in a state, then the jurisdiction can plan for these additional steps prior to the election. The below is an example of a CVR:



2. How are CVRs accessed?

CVRs are accessible and can be exported via the Electionware Reporting module if the jurisdiction has taken the appropriate steps to upload CVRs. If the proper steps have been taken, CVRs could be exported as a PDF as displayed above. Electionware can also export CVRs in an easy-to-read Excel spreadsheet displaying CVR data by contest if the CVRs are properly loaded.

Below is an example of the CVR Export in Excel format. Some versions contain additional details.

Cast Vote Record	Precinct	Ballot Style	BEST AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER (14)	BEST VOCAL ARTIST (19)	BEST ICE-CREAM FLAVOR (26)	PROPOSITION 1 (31)	PROPOSITION 2 (38)	
1	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	STRAWBERRY (019)	Yes	Yes
2	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
3	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
4	Precinct One	Precinct One	VOLVO (008)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	VANILLA (020)	Yes	Yes
5	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
6	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	W/I:AA	W/I:BB	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
7	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	undervote	undervote	undervote
8	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
9	Precinct One	Precinct One	undervote	undervote	undervote	undervote	undervote	undervote
10	Precinct One	Precinct One	MERCEDES (002)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
11	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
12	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	W/I:AA	W/I:BB	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
13	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes
14	Precinct One	Precinct One	BMW (001)	FRANK SINATRA (009)	ELVIS (010)	CHOCOLATE (018)	Yes	Yes

3. What information is included in a CVR?

The CVR in PDF format summarizes where and how the votes from a ballot were tabulated, as well as other ballot-specific data, such as ballot style, party, tabulator CVR number, machine serial number, and whether the ballot was blank.

4. Can a CVR record number be traced back to a voter?

No. Ballot information cannot be tied to a specific voter. CVR numbers are randomly serialized by poll place tabulators.

5. Are CVRs available in my county?

If the jurisdiction uses a reporting computer with Electionware (EVS 6.0.0.0 or greater) to aggregate results which include CVRs, the jurisdiction has the ability to export CVRs in PDF or Excel format. The jurisdiction will need to review its own state and local laws to determine if CVRs can be generated, accessed or reviewed either privately or publicly.

6. What should I do if I receive a public information request for a CVR?

When receiving a public record request, you should contact your legal counsel to determine what, if any, records being requested are required to be disclosed according to applicable law. ES&S is unable to provide the jurisdiction with any legal advice or other guidance as to which records are required to be provided under applicable law. Your legal counsel will have to make this determination. Once this determination has been made, ES&S can review potentially responsive records to determine if they contain any ES&S proprietary and confidential information. The jurisdiction is responsible for verifying the accuracy of all data contained within the CVR Data Export and Ballot Review Exports.