

Result File Format

The result formats are ascii text files with pipe-delimited fields. Each record is enclosed in brackets [] and delimited by a CR LF. The first field is the record type. The second field 'Source ID' identifies who created the file (FLDOS). The third field 'SEQNO' contains a unique line number that increases sequentially with each generated file.

Informational File

The information file provides identification information for candidates, races, reporting units and precincts. There are four record types: r, c, p and u.

1. Record Type "r" – Identifies a single race/contest.

[r | Source ID | SEQNO | Race Name | Election Type | Race ID]

Race Name = The name of an office or ballot issue for which votes will be counted. (i.e., president, governor, state house, Initiative 8, Proposition 13, etc.).

Election Type = The type of election for a particular race. (i.e., Democratic primary, Republican primary, General Election, ballot issue, special primary, special runoff, etc.).

Race ID = A unique number designated a specific election contest. The Race ID reflects the combination of a single race name and a single election type.

2. Record Type "c" – Identifies a single candidate.

[c | Source ID | SEQNO | Race ID | Last Name | First Name | Candidate ID] where,

Last Name = The spelling of a candidate's last name. (i.e., Bush, Gore, Clinton, For, Against, Yes, etc.).

First Name = The spelling of a candidate's first name, if two candidates have the name name then a middle name or initial is included in this field. The field may also be blank, when the "last name" is Yes, No, For, Against.

Candidate ID = A unique number designating a candidate.

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3. Record Type “p” – Identifies the number of precincts in a county for a race.

[p | Source ID | SEQNO | Race ID | Reporting Unit ID | Number of precincts] where,

Number of Precincts = A number, up to six digits | length, giving the number of precincts within a reporting unit.

4. Record Type “u” – Identifies each reporting unit (county).

[u | Source ID | SEQNO | reporting Unit Name | Reporting Unit ID] where,

Reporting Unit Name = The proper name of the reporting unit.

Reporting Unit ID = A unique number designated the reporting unit.

Votes File

The Votes File reports the county votes for a candidate in a race and only contains the record type “V” .

[V | Source ID | SEQNO | Status | Race ID | Reporting Unit ID | Number of Precincts Reporting | Candidate ID | Votes] where,

V = record type

Status = A single letter indicating the reporting status (Incomplete, Finished).

Race ID = A unique number identifying race as defined in the informational file.

Reporting Unit ID = A unique number identifying reporting unit (county) as defined in the informational file.

Number of Precincts Reporting = Number indicating total number of precincts reporting for a specific race.

Candidate ID = A unique number identifying a candidate as defined in the informational file.

Votes = The total number of votes for a specific candidate in a specific race.