



Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

Procedure for Procurement of Voting Systems

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Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

Overview of Current Inventory

- Originally purchased in 2006 with the majority of the funding coming from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Total Inventory of 2223 Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) Ivotronic DRE voting panels
- All equipment routinely serviced through annual ES&S maintenance program

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S.L. 2015-103, and S.L. 2018-13

- Direct Record Electronic (DRE) machines will be decertified by statute on December 1, 2019 and may not be used in any election after that date
- Starting in 2020, all voting systems must produce a paper ballot, which will serve as the official record of a voter's selections
- Only North Carolina State Board of Elections certified voting systems will be permitted

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- The voting systems listed below were certified by the State Board of Elections at the meeting held August 23, 2019:
 - Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4
 - Elections Systems & Software (ES&S) EVS 5.2.2.0
 - Hart InterCivic Verity Voting 2.2

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Certification

Three (3) levels of testing that a voting system needs to meet in order to be certified by the State Board of Elections.

1) Federal Compliance Testing

Voting system complies with the Election Assistance Commission's Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines through testing conducted by a federally certified Voting System Test Laboratory (VSTL)

2) State Certification Testing

Ensure that a voting system complies with the requirements of the State of North Carolina.

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Certification (continued)

3) County Acceptance Testing

Ensures that the system delivered is identical to that which was certified and operates in good working condition. Software versions are certified.

Testing is conducted by the County Board of Elections with the assistance of State Board or consultants approved by the State Board.

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Requirements for adoption and acquisition

- Step 1: Witness a **demonstration** of the recommended type of voting system plus at least one other certified type of voting system. All three certified voting systems will be demonstrated.
- Step 2: Make a **preliminary recommendation** to the Board of County Commissioners as to which type of voting system should be acquired by the County Board of Elections.

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- Step 3: The County Board of Elections **instructs** the County Board staff to test the proposed voting system in at least one precinct where the voting system would be used if adopted. The test **MUST** take place during the 2019 General election.
- Step 4: Receive State Board of Elections **approval** to replace the current voting system.
- Step 5: Make a **final recommendation** to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners can decline to adopt or acquire any voting system recommended by the county board of elections, but it cannot adopt and acquire a voting system that has not been approved by the County Board of Elections.

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All Voting Equipment must be tested for accuracy before each election.

Post-election audits are conducted by the County and State Boards of Elections with each election.

Every County Board of Elections conducts a sample, hand-to-eye audit count of randomly assigned voting sites.

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Reminder

Monday, September 23, 2019 – Mecklenburg County
Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.