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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26278

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – November 2026

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on the Secretary of State's (SOS) activities related to voting technology. This includes relevant voting technology events, administrative approval requests/denials, voting technology testing/approvals, ballot printing certification requests/denials, and various reports.

Voting Technology Certification and Administrative Approval Requests

OVSTA receives and reviews applications for certification and administrative approval testing from voting technology vendors on a continuous basis. The status of current applications can be found below:

Applicant	System Version	Voting Technology	Submission Date	Type of Testing	Testing Phase
Hart	Verity 3.2.2	Voting System	12/04/2024	Full Certification	Post-Testing
Election Systems & Software	EVS 6.5.2.0	Voting System	04/09/2025	Full Certification	Testing
Democracy Live	Secure Select 1.2.6	RAVBM System	07/31/2025	Full Certification	Pre-Testing

KNOWiNK	PollPad 4.3.2	Electronic Poll Book	04/16/2026	Full Certification	Approved 09/30/2026
Smartmatic	VSR1 2.1	Voting System	06/05/2026	Full Certification	Application Review
Tenex	Precinct Central 6.1.8	Electronic Poll Book	06/08/2026	Full Certification	Pre-Testing
KNOWiNK	PollPrint 4.3.2	Ballot-on-Demand System	07/20/2026	Full Certification	Post-Testing
Voting Works	VxSuite 4.1	Voting System	07/22/2026	Full Certification	Application Review
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Information regarding certified vendors for voting technology systems, RAVBM systems, and ePollbook systems can be found at: https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ovsta/voting-technology-vendors.

Information regarding certified ballot-on-demand systems and certified ballot printers can be found at: https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ovsta/certification-and-approval/ballot-printerballot-demand-bod-certification/.

Helpful Updates and Reminders

Update to the California Voting System Standards – The California Voting System Standards (CVSS) were officially adopted by the Secretary of State in November of 2014. The standards have been used in the evaluation and testing of all voting technology, including remote accessible vote by mail systems, certified for use in California. The Secretary of State's Office is currently in the process of updating these standards. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact OVSTA at VotingSystems@sos.ca.gov.

Tint and Watermark Assignment Requests –The California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 4, Article 9, section 20280 requires any jurisdiction conducting an election in California to request a ballot tint and watermark from the Secretary of State's

Office. Requests may be submitted to VotingSystems@sos.ca.gov with the following information:

1) Jurisdiction name.
2) Election Date.
3) Election Title.
4) Close of candidate filing date, if applicable.
5) Randomized alphabet drawing date, if applicable.

Ballot Release Forms – Any jurisdiction wishing to purchase ballot cards from a ballot printer shall request in writing a ballot release from the Secretary of State per the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 4, Article 4, sections 20233 and 20234. To request a ballot release number, email the Secretary of State's office at BallotRelease@sos.ca.gov for the Ballot Release Form.

Disposal or Sale of Equipment - County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12219 outlines procedures for disposing of or selling voting equipment purchased with Help America Vote Act (HAVA) or Voting Modernization Bond Act (VMB) funds and that all equipment must be void of any software or firmware and returned to a condition of a non-functioning piece of hardware prior to its disposal or sale. See also California Elections Code section 17603 and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) guidelines outlining proper disposal procedures for electronic devices.

Election Record Retention - California Elections Code sections 17301-17306 and 15209 provide the retention and preservation periods of various voting technology records. Jurisdictions should also refer to CCROV #22216 and CCROV #24220 for detailed guidance regarding election record retention.

Defects, Faults, Failures, and Other Error Reporting

Voting Technology Incidents –The California Elections Code, California Code of Regulations, and conditions of certification require jurisdictions to submit the following reports regarding any of the following:

- Notification of any voting system defect, fault, or failure within 30 days of discovery (California Elections Code section 19210).
- Notification of any RAVBM defect, fault, or failure within 30 days of discovery (California Elections Code section 19284).
- Notification of any ePollbook breach, attempted breach, defect, failure, or fault within 24 hours of discovery (California Code of Regulations section 20161).
- Notification of any ballot card printing flaw or defect within 24 hours of discovery (California Elections Code section 13004).

- Notification of any ballot on demand system flaw or defect within 24 hours of discovery (California Elections Code section 13004.5).
- Notification of any part or component of certified voting technology for which the chain of custody has been compromised or the security or information has been breached or attempted to be breached within 24 hours of discovery (California Elections Code section 17603(b)).

Please note that the following forms are required to be submitted after every statewide and local election:

- 1% Manual Tally Report
- RAVBM Report
- Voting Technology Incident Report

If you have any questions regarding the Voting Technology Incidents, RAVBM Usage, or the One Percent Manual Tally forms, please email OVSTA at VotingSystems@sos.ca.gov.