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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14279

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley  
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – December 2014

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Secretary of State (SOS) activities related to voting systems.

Each update provides information on:

- Voting system related events that may be of interest.
- Administrative approvals and denials since the prior month's update.
- Administrative approval requests since the prior month's update.
- Voting system testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Voting system testing and certification at the EAC.
- Defect, failure and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

### **Recent and Upcoming Events**

The Secretary of State's test reports associated with the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-A.1 with Adjudication 2.4 voting system were made available to the public on Thursday, November 20, 2014, and the public comment period on those reports continues through December 19, 2014. A public hearing on the system will be held on Friday, December 12, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Secretary of State Auditorium.

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials' (CACEO) New Law Conference is being held December 10-12, 2014, in Sacramento. Most voting system vendors hold their annual User Group Meeting at this meeting, so for information regarding your User's Group Meeting, contact your vendor directly.

### **Administrative Approval Requests**

California Elections Code section 19213 precludes a voting system or part of a voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State from being changed or modified until the Secretary of State has determined the change “does not impair its accuracy and efficiency. . . .”

Information on submitting an administrative approval request is in “[Requesting Administrative Approval of a Change or Modification to an Approved Voting System.](#)”

- There are currently no administrative approval requests.

### **Testing and Approval by the State of California**

- The Secretary of State completed all testing for the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-A.1 with Adjudication 2.4 voting system (system) during the month of October. Reports are finalized and posted on the Secretary of State website. The public review period and public hearing have been scheduled. See “Recent and Upcoming Events” above.

### **Testing and Certification at the EAC**

The EAC provides a [weekly update](#) of voting system testing. As of November 25, 2014, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

**Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14-D.** The EAC certified this system on November 25, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

**Everyone Counts eLect Voting Solution 4.0.** The EAC is waiting for additional information related to the system and a response from Everyone Counts on the draft Technology Testing Agreement. Weekly status calls for this campaign began on December 4, 2014. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

**Hart InterCivic Verity 1.0.** Hart is currently testing at SLI Global Solutions. The EAC expects to receive the draft Test Report from SLI in January 2015. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

**Unisyn OpenElect 1.3.** National Technical Systems (NTS) is working on the Test Report and expects to deliver it to the EAC by mid-December. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

The EAC’s “[Voting Systems Under Test](#)” and “[Certified Voting Systems](#)” pages provide more specifics on each voting system.

### **Defects, Failures and Faults**

Defects, failures and faults (problem reports) of (1) voting system hardware and software and (2) ballot printing manufacturing and finishing are reported to the Secretary of State.

- The Secretary of State did not receive any problem reports during the month of November.

### **Ballot Printing Certification Requests**

- O'Neil Data Systems Inc. requested the removal of its company and facility as a certified ballot manufacturer and finisher.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found at [www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/cert-and-approval/ballots.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/cert-and-approval/ballots.htm).