

New Hampshire Secretary of State Designates First Electronic Poll Book Evaluation Vendor

Press Release

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Concord – Deputy Secretary of State David Scanlan today announced the selection of Voting Systems Security LLC of 1 Technology Drive, Tolland, Connecticut, as the first evaluator that has been authorized to assist the Secretary of State in the testing and evaluation of electronic poll books systems which is required prior to their trial deployment in New Hampshire.

Electronic poll books can be used to assist ballot clerks in the voter intake process. In New Hampshire, electronic poll books would be allowed to contain only public checklist information and would function on election day independently from the statewide voter registration system, the state's original source of local checklists that identify eligible voters.

The 2017 Legislature adopted Senate Bill 113, which was signed by the Governor on July 5, 2017 and became effective on August 4, 2017. It requires that, within 30 days, the Secretary of State select one or more evaluation vendors to test and make recommendations regarding electronic poll books systems. On July 31, 2017, four evaluators of electronic voting systems submitted responses to the Secretary of State's Request for Information aiming to be selected to evaluate electronic poll books systems. Thus far, the Secretary of State has designated one evaluator.

In a March 31, 2017 vendor fair in Concord, five electronic poll books vendors answered questions and demonstrated their capability to the Secretary of State's E Poll Books Working Group consisting of election officials, legislators and Secretary of State staff.

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