

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

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Concord – Deputy Secretary of State David Scanlan today announced the selection of CyberScout, LLC of 7580 N Dobson Road, Suite 201, Scottsdale, Arizona, as the second evaluator that has been authorized to assist the Secretary of State in the testing and evaluation of electronic poll books systems which is required as part of any trial deployment in New Hampshire.

Electronic poll books can be used to assist ballot clerks in the voter intake process on election day. In New Hampshire, electronic poll books would 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. This law requires that 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 aimed at assessing and choosing entities who might evaluate electronic poll books systems. Thus far, the Secretary of State has selected two evaluators, Voting Systems Security, LLC and CyberScout, LLC.

In a March 31, 2017 vendor fair in Concord, five electronic poll books vendors demonstrated their capability to the Secretary of State's E Poll Books Working Group consisting of local election officials, legislators and Secretary of State staff. In 2017, there have been two election day tests of electronic poll books simultaneously using a marked paper checklist and electronic poll books - at the March, 2017 town election in Bedford and at the November, 2017 municipal election in Rochester Ward 4. These "parallel tests" operated under the current law that requires a paper checklist that is marked to reflect voters who received ballots during election day. Neither "parallel test" represented a "trial" under the new law.

A "trial" under the 2017 law would entail using electronic poll books at voter check-in in designated polling places under the observation of a selected evaluation vendor, with capability to print out an up-to-date marked checklist at any time in the day if the system fails.

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