

ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER BOARD OF ELECTIONS ESTABLISHING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS FOR A VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD VOTING SYSTEM TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

WHEREAS the Pennsylvania Department of State has informed all counties in Pennsylvania that it is requiring those counties to have voter-verifiable paper record voting systems selected no later than December 31, 2019 and preferably by the November, 2019, municipal election; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that Lancaster County will be required to purchase a new voting system, pursuant to the directive issued by the Department of State; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Lancaster County Voter Registration Office have analyzed and evaluated the current voting system, and desirable features of a new system, and established criteria which they believe should be considered in acquiring a new system; and

WHEREAS the Department of State has not yet certified all of the voting systems that may be considered by counties in 2019; and

WHEREAS the Board desires to enact a resolution to identify desired characteristics which it anticipates considering as it identifies a certified voting system for Lancaster County in order to provide guidance to the Board and staff, or any substitute Board, in evaluating the voting system to be acquired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, as follows:

1. Having considered, to the extent that information is currently available, information about pricing of systems, considerations of poll workers who have utilized the existing systems, ease of voting for citizens and the need for privacy and security for voters in future elections, the Board sets forth the following criteria and features which it believes should be incorporated, to the extent reasonably possible, in the voting system to be acquired by Lancaster County pursuant to the directive of the Department of State:
 - (a) Voter-marked paper ballots, as this type of ballot has been found to be the most efficient way to effectively move voters through a polling place on an election day.
 - (b) Paper-ballot tabulation that would occur at the polling place, rather than through a central tabulation source. This feature would allow for the tabulation of absentee ballots at the polling place and would allow voters to be notified of any overvote prior to the voters leaving the polling place.

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- (c) An ADA-compliant voting component of the system that would allow for the generation of ballots as similar as possible to voter-marked ballots, thus preserving, to the greatest extent possible, the privacy of the voter using the ADA-compliant component.
 - (d) A single piece of equipment from which poll workers will print zero tapes and tally tapes to enable easier pre-election setup, post-election tear-down and completion of return sheets on election day.
 - (e) A system which will allow cross-nominated candidates to be correctly listed.
2. This Resolution shall be considered to set forth the desired characteristics of any system to be considered; however, the Board recognizes that the characteristics set forth herein are not an exhaustive list and determination of the specific system to be identified for Lancaster County may need to consider factors and criteria in addition to those set forth in this Resolution.
 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Motion passed unanimously.

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