

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Conference Call
August 16, 2006**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jesse R. Smart, Chairman
Wanda L. Rednour, Vice Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
Albert S. Porter, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ABSENT: William M. McGuffage, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Becky Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via telephonic means at 8:34 a.m. with five Members present. Members McGuffage and Schneider were absent and Member Porter and Chairman Smart held their proxies respectively.

The Chairman indicated the first item on the agenda was certification of modifications to voting systems. Dianne Felts, Director of Voting Systems and Standards began with the upgrade of the Hart Intercivic 6.1 voting system to a 6.2 system. Ms. Felts explained a couple key modifications were to change the system to produce cumulative precinct totals in the precinct rather than at the central count station and the addition of a metal plate to improve the connection for the verifiable paper audit trail (V-PAT). Ms. Felts then recommended certification of the upgrade. Member Walters moved to certify the upgrade of the Hart Intercivic 6.1 to a 6.2 voting system. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The next certification on the agenda was an upgrade of the Diebold AccuVote TSX DRE to AccuVote TSX DRE Model D voting system. Ms. Felts indicated this was a parts upgrade to Model D due to the equipment parts becoming obsolete which was making it difficult for Diebold to purchase them and noted that Ken Gibson was present on behalf of Diebold. Ms. Felts recommended certification of the upgrade. In response to an inquiry from Member Keith, the Executive Director indicated that at an August 9 meeting with election authorities and representatives of Diebold, it went very well with regard to the printer issues and that favorable responses were received from the election authorities present at the meeting.

Member Keith expressed his concerns regarding assurance that the printer problems would be taken care of if the modification were certified today. The Executive Director reported that at the primary election, problems were due to the short period of time available for training on the voting system and Diebold indicated there was very little time for the election authorities to learn about troubleshooting the system printer. The Executive Director stated that he felt comfortable that Diebold would take care of any minor technical issues. Mr. Gibson explained the printer issues were sporadic and that the voter can review their ballot and print it again if necessary. Mr. Gibson indicated their research team is addressing the matter and always striving toward perfection. Ms. Felts also stated that she felt comfortable with the certification because she has never seen the printout and the summary page to not be exact. After discussion, Member Brady moved to certify the upgrade of the AccuVote TSX DRE to AccuVote TSX DRE Model D voting system. Member Walters seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 6-1 with Member Keith voting in the negative.

In response to an inquiry from the Chairman, Ms. Felts indicated there would be three more certifications for the August 31 agenda and possibly four or five for September. Jack Cunningham, Kane County Clerk, then thanked the Board, Dianne and staff for their hard work.

With there being no further discussion, Member Walters moved to adjourn until August 31, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Specialist II



Daniel W. White, Executive Director