

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS



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To: Chair Scholz, Vice Chair Linnabary, Members of the Board
Re: Request for Legislative Approval - Ballot Marking Devices
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The State Board of Elections (SBE) is bringing forth legislation to cleanup statutes related to Ballot Marking Devices (BMD) and included as part of the equipment that must be re-tabulated by hand. Currently, the SBE applies the standards for Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems to Ballot Marking Devices. As Ballot Marking Devices are becoming more prevalent in Illinois, it is important that we clearly define the BMD as a component of a voting system, not the actual voting system.

Additionally, it adds that ballots created using a BMD will require a hand count as part of the re-tabulation (post-election audit) process. Since QR/Barcodes are not human readable, this is an added security measure to ensure that no tampering has occurred with the QR/Barcode.

The Legislative Subcommittee members, Laura Kent Donahue and William Haine have approved this measure for consideration of the Board.

The legislative group recommended to the board
That QR Codes need to be verified as a
"" SECURITY MEASURE""

No legislation has been generated.