

Liaison to the Illinois State Board of Elections.
Amy Calvin,

I am sending you a complaint to be presented to the Board. If you can, please add this complaint to the Board's agenda so they can respond to this complaint at the Board meeting on July 22nd, 2022.
Please forward a copy of this complaint to each Board member.

Complaint:

This Board is approving voting systems in which the voter cannot verify who they cast their vote for and may have their ballot spoiled without their knowledge.

The Director of Voting Systems and Registrations has told this Board that the QR code encoded information is not reliable and has to be verified one ballot at a time to ensure that the QR Code information matches the voter's selections.

This board is approving the Dominion voting systems that utilizes a QR Code that is read by a tabulator to cast the vote for the voter. The voter cannot read what is encoded in the QR code and your Director of Voting and Registration Systems has recommended each, and every Ballot card cast by the voter be verified to ensure that the QR code information matches the readable text on all ballot cards cast. He states:

Following the retabulation of ballots for early voting or for in-precinct, it is recommended that the jurisdiction perform a hand count of the ballots created by a BMD, in this case the ICX. Each contest should be checked to ensure no discrepancies exist between the QR code and the human readable contest selections.

When following the recommended procedures and a ballot card is verified to have the wrong selection in the QR Code, that ballot card must be spoiled. The voter who has departed is then deprived of the vote they cast. This verification should be done while the voter is present.

Background:

On December 17th 2019, the Board approved the Dominion WinEDS4.0/Democracy Suite 5.6-B IL. The recommendation for approval letter from Mr. Thomas that had a procedural recommendation to check the QR code to manually verify if the QR code matched the readable text on all the ballot cards.

On August 21st, 2020, the Board approved the Dominion WinDI-C IL voting system. The recommendation for approval letter from Mr. Thomas had a procedural recommendation that needed to be applied to use the voting system. The procedural recommendation was that the QR code be manually checked to verify if the QR Code matched the readable text on all the ballot cards.

On November 8, 2021, the Board approved the Dominion Democracy suite 5.6-D voting system which was an advancement of the Dominion WinDI-C IL. This voting system had the same procedural recommendation from Mr. Thomas as the previous voting systems. The jurisdiction using this voting system was recommended to manually check the all the ballot cards to verify that the QR code matches the readable text on the ballot cards.

The procedural recommendation concerning the QR Codes are not being followed and the voter is not aware that their vote that they cast may not be what or who they voted for.

- Election jurisdictions using these voting systems are not following the procedural recommendations.
- The procedures were not added to the documentation that Dominion supplies to the jurisdictions.
- Jurisdictions were not offered the information on how to verify the QR code was the same as readable text.
- Your staff did not put together a list of required components need to fulfill the procedures to verify that the QR Code was correct and furnish this list to the Election jurisdictions.
- No equipment was procured, nor the procedures implemented by the jurisdictions.

Furthermore, at the March 16th 2020 Board meeting, the IL SBE Legislation staff recommended in a letter dated March 5th, 2020 that legislation was required to be changed to incorporate the required post tabulation check of the BMD ballots to verify that the QR code was accurately representing the voters choices.

To date there is no legislation, no procedures and no jurisdiction verifying that the QR code matches the voters choice.

These voting systems need to be removed from service and not used until the equipment needed to read a QR Code are procured, and the procedures are implemented. This Board needs to ensure the voter is guaranteed that the vote they cast is secure and accurate and matches what the voter intended.

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