

VoterGA

Voters Organized for Trusted Election results in Georgia

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Senate Ethics Committee Members,

The following is a list of voting system vendors and **well established** ballot marking devices that we believe can meet desired Georgia requirements to **produce full face ballots and to tabulate human readable votes**. Half of these products have already been demonstrated to the SAFE commission and four are already certified by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The others are well known in the industry to have full face ballots and their vendors publicly claim their related scanners support human readable vote tabulation:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Electronic Ballot Marking Device</u>	<u>SAFE Commission RFI</u>
Clear Ballot	Clear Access	SAFE Demo, EAC Cert
Hart Intercivic	Verity Touch Writer	SAFE Demo, EAC Cert
Dominion	Image Cast Evolution	SAFE Demo, EAC Cert
ES&S	Automark	EAC Cert, No SAFE Demo yet
Smartmatic	A4-600	SAFE Demo, EAC Pending
Avante	COTS-BMD	EAC Pending

This is a preliminary list **and there may be other vendor products that meet the stated requirements**. Some of these products have bar codes on their ballots for general election and precinct information but they can prove they do **not** use the bar codes to read results for tabulation. Further verification of human readable vote tabulation can be done during the Request for Proposal process.

Based on my 40 years of Information Technology experience and 16 years of research into voting systems, I can ensure the committee that implementing these requirements Georgia so desperately needs would **not** result in a “sole source” contract as claimed when HB316 was under consideration in the House. Please understand that **at least one vendor has already falsely claimed they cannot meet the requirements so they can sell more expensive, products with higher profit margins to Georgia**. That is not in our best interest.

On behalf of our many members and all Georgians I urge you to require tabulation of only human readable vote marks that the voter can see and to require a “full face” ballot style that will not compromise our current official ballot. I am always available to help further.

Thank you,
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