



Funding Democracy

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Future of California Elections | May 2016

Voting Systems in the US 2016

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The Verifier - Polling Place Equipment - Current

Choose A State

Polling Place Equipment Accessible Equipment Early Voting Equipment Absentee Ballot Tabulation

VT NH CT RI NJ DE MD DC

- Paper Ballot
- All Vote By Mail
- Paper Ballot and Punch Card
- Mixed Paper Ballot and DREs with WVPAT
- Mixed Paper Ballot and DREs with and without WVPAT
- Mixed Paper Ballot and DREs without WVPAT
- DREs with WVPAT
- DREs with and without WVPAT
- DREs without WVPAT

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DRE - Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machines
WVPAT - Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail Printers
BMD - Ballot-Marking Device or System

Search Equipment

All States
All Equipment
All Makes
All Models

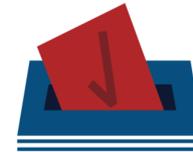
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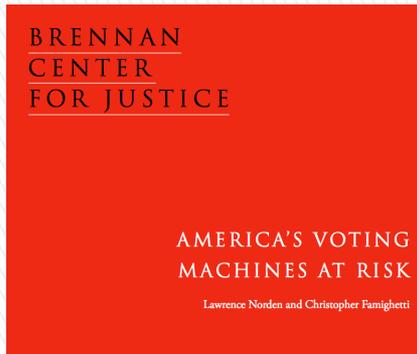
National Map

Aging Voting Systems = Crisis

President's Commission on Election Administration (PCEA) Report



the Presidential Commission
on Election Administration



Brennan Center Report

Sec. Padilla, RoV Kelley Op-ed:
“A threat to California elections is on the horizon. CA voting equipment is near its life expectancy.”

The Mercury News
OPINION

What Drives (election tech) Costs?

- ▶ Voting & counting devices: scanner/tabulator; ballot marking system; DRE; printer
- ▶ Other equipment: electronic pollbooks; ballot on demand printers; election night reporting systems; mail sorters
- ▶ Licensing fees/hardware, software, firmware; Consumables
- ▶ Voting booths; storage racks; transport devices; etc.

How much \$? “It depends.”

- ▶ Volume
- ▶ Laws
- ▶ Voting mode
- ▶ Other factors

Managing costs

- ▶ Lease/Lease to own/Financing
- ▶ Shared costs; bulk buying discounts
- ▶ Better contracting
- ▶ Different modes, technologies
- ▶ Unintended consequences...

Recommendations & Caveats

- ▶ Support county needs, especially those with fewer resources
- ▶ Look to new models: Los Angeles; San Francisco; Travis County TX
 - Flexibility; COTS; common data format; better accessibility
- ▶ Different kind of funding stream

Bottom Line

Fund smart:
Data driven + voter-driven

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