

February 28, 2006

Dear State Elections Board Members:

Currently, twelve counties use the AccuVote system on a countywide basis (Chippewa, Dodge, Door, Green, Kenosha, Ozaukee, St. Croix, Sauk, Vilas, Walworth, Washington and Winnebago). Nine other counties have at least one municipality or ward using the AccuVote (Barron, Calumet, Dunn, Juneau, Milwaukee, Oneida, Shawano, Waupaca and Waushara). The AccuVote voting system has served us very well with an exceptional accuracy rate that has been proven by numerous recounts we have had over the years.

In anticipation of the March 22 Elections Board meeting and your pending decision on Diebold's AccuVote TSX DRE voting equipment, County Clerks from the above mentioned counties felt it was important that we contact you and share our thoughts regarding the AccuVote System and the impact your decision will have on us and the voters in our community.

Obviously, we would not want or expect you to approve a system that was unreliable, defective or inaccurate. However, as County Clerks, we too, want a system that is accurate and that our voters can continue to have confidence in. We feel, based on our past positive experiences with Diebold and the AccuVote, that the TSX DRE voting equipment would be such a system.

If this system is not approved and we are forced to purchase something that is not compatible with the AccuVote, we are concerned about the following issues:

- Dealing with multiple vendors and equipment service issues;
- Programming charges for multiple pieces of equipment;
- Non-compatibility with our current system would require a manual count of votes cast on the HAVA equipment—"human error" factor;
- The effectiveness of current countywide AccuVote voting systems will be compromised;
- Loss of the excellent service we receive from our service/sales representative at Fidar Election Company

We have been assured by the Diebold Co. that they have provided you with all the information that you have requested for completion of the certification process. Based on their assurances, we are hopeful that you will be able to certify Diebold's TSX DRE voting equipment and we can begin the process of purchasing HAVA compliant voting equipment and have it in place by the September primary election.

Thank you for taking our thoughts and concerns into consideration as you make your decision on certifying Diebold's TSX DRE voting equipment.

Sincerely,

Beth Hauser, Calumet County Clerk
Kathy Bernier, Chippewa County Clerk
Nancy Bemmann, Door County Clerk
Karen Gibson, Dodge County Clerk
Mike Doyle, Green County Clerk
Edna Highland, Kenosha County Clerk
Bob Brusio, Oneida County Clerk
Mary Marchese, Ozaukee County Clerk

Cindy Campbell, St. Croix County Clerk
Beverly Mielke, Sauk County Clerk
James Sanborn, Vilas County Clerk
Kim Bushey, Walworth County Clerk
Brenda Jaszewski, Washington County Clerk
Mary Robbins, Waupaca County Clerk
Sue Ertmer, Winnebago County Clerk