Paperless Voting Machine Performance Gets an “F”

Recent Elections: A Partial List of Incidents Reported in the News

California, 2003: Diebold installs uncertified software without notifying authorities [1]

California, 2004: Attorney General joins False Claims lawsuit against Diebold [2]

California, 2004: Sec’y of State decertifies Diebold for November [3]

Alameda County, 2004: Diebold control modules failed to start up properly [4]

Orange County, 2004: Hart DREs trip circuit breaker and shut down when batteries run out; voters turned away from the polls [5]

Orange County, 2004: Hart access-code confusion causes 7,000 voters to receive the wrong ballots [6]

San Diego County, 2004: Diebold DREs lost votes; control modules failed to start up properly [7]

Bernalillo County, 2002: Insufficient memory causes failure to count 12,000 out of 48,000 votes [8]

Arapahoe County, 2004: Failure to maintain DRE battery charge costs over $100,000 to replace batteries [9]

Dallas County, 2002: ES&S iVotronics mark incorrect choices on the screen [10]


Harris County, 2003: Hart DREs didn’t start; voters wrote votes on make-shift papers [11]

Indiana, 2004: ES&S installed uncertified software on iVotronics; admitted the older, certified version won’t tabulate the votes [13]

Floyd & Coweta Counties, 2002: Diebold DREs locked up; access cards malfunctioned; wrong candidate marked on the screen and

Bryan & Terrell Counties, 2002: Diebold DRE ballots omitted races; presented wrong races [14]

Montgomery County, 2004: Diebold DRE presents incomplete ballot when font is magnified [17]

Miami-Dade County, 2002: ES&S iVotronics fail to count 8.2% of the votes [22]

Miami-Dade County, 2004: ES&S iVotronics severe audit log bug revealed; detected nearly a year before [23]

Sarasota County, 2004: ES&S DREs fail to count 189 votes [18]

Wake County, 2002: ES&S iVotronics fail to count 436 ballots [19]

Broward County, 2002: ES&S iVotronic error missed counting 22% of the votes [20]

Broward County, 2004: ES&S iVotronics lose 134 votes; winning margin is 12 votes [21]

Georgia, 2004: Diebold ballot-encoding mix-ups prevented voters from voting in primary [16]

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