



Checklist for Watching Electronic Voting Systems

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REPORTS -- Potential problems to document:

Machine failure (Blank screen, fails to power up, freezes, delays opening of polls, other. Get serial number, length of any delays, and how problem was handled.)

Machine records voter preference incorrectly (Premarks choice, switches vote to another candidate on initial screen, switches vote on final summary screen, voter cannot change vote displayed, etc. Get serial number of machine, and note whether or not the problem machine was taken out of service.)

Voter access card, PEB, or machine start-up problem (Voter has problem starting to vote because machine times out, locks out voter, something gets stuck or left in machine, etc. These issues will vary depending on machine model.)

User interface issues (Screen has poor readability, flickering, dim, skipping, buttons stick, etc.)

Language issues (Voter language not available, switches languages, translation problems, etc.)

Disabled access issues (Wheelchair inaccessibility, audio, braille, or magnification inadequate or unusable, accessibility attachments don’t work, machine gives person unable to use hands no means to vote, etc.)

Straight ticket issues (cannot vote straight party ticket, cannot change selected offices, straight party choice fails to cast vote for party’s candidate in one or more races, others. Get serial number of machine that does this.)

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Zero Tape or Results Tape issues (Machine does not print zero tape in morning or precinct results tape in evening, printer jams, prints over previous entries, not visible, won't print at all, missing candidates' names, etc.)

Other important issues to note:

Provisional ballot issues (Failure to offer provisional ballot to any voter not on voter lists, mishandling of provisional ballots, etc.)

Emergency paper ballot issues (In electronic voting precincts, emergency paper ballots not on hand in case of equipment breakdown, emergency ballots not used when half or more of machines not working, emergency ballots sent in as provisional ballots, etc.)

Ballot display issues on electronic machines (One or more candidates or questions are missing from the ballot screen, incorrect ballot is displayed, etc.)

Ballot issues on optiscans (Ballot is already marked, scanner rejects ballot though ballot is in good order; scanner mangles ballot, etc.)

- **Machine fails to report that vote was accepted**
- **Error messages appear on the touchscreen**
- **Machine has incorrect date and/or time of day**
- **Technicians, repair persons working on one of the voting machines** (Get serial number of machines.)
- **Memory cards are replaced on Election Day** (before, during or after voting)
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END OF DAY WATCHERS, PLEASE GET A COPY OF THE FULL RESULTS FROM THE PRECINCT

1. Number of voters who signed in
 2. Numbers on public & protective counters
 3. Number of absentee ballots counted
 4. Number of provisionals
 5. Full vote count for all races on machines & absentees
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