Electronic Roster Pilot Project

October 9, 2013

"A pilot project is established to explore the use of electronic rosters in conducting elections. Jurisdictions participating in the project may use electronic rosters to process election day registration, to verify the registration status of preregistered voters, or both. The pilot project shall apply to general elections for home rule charter or statutory cities conducted in participating cities in 2013."

-- 2013 Minn. Laws Chap. 131, Art.4

Participating Jurisdictions

Three Counties and Five Cities

- Clay County:
  - Dilworth
  - Moorhead
- Hennepin County:
  - Minnetonka
  - Saint Anthony
- Ramsey County:
  - Saint Paul

June 2013

The Office met with jurisdictions in June and sent notice to vendors of ability to participate.

- Vendors could choose between doing pre-registered voters, EDR, or both.
- Eight vendors responded to the notice
- Vendors were divided among jurisdictions

Functionality Requirements

In order to evaluate and ensure functionality, the Office:

- created a checklist of functionality to look for (both required and optional).

- Provided vendors who signed a nondisclosure agreement with a test file of pre-registered voters for a sample precinct.

Jurisdiction Work with Vendors

- The local jurisdictions have been working closely with the vendors to prepare for election day.
- Throughout the process, three vendors have withdrawn from the pilot.
- The vendors still participating in the pilot are:
    - ES&S
    - Know Ink
    - Hart
    - SOE
    - Election Administrators

Alternative Registration Forms

- Vendors have requested the Secretary of State approve alternative voter registration forms.

  - ES&S – Form is smaller than 8 ½ x 11
  - Hart – Labels applied to a regular voter registration form

SVRS and EDR Data

- The Office is providing file format requirements for EDR data collected by vendors.

- The Office is programing SVRS so that the data will be able to be uploaded after election day.

- The data then will be queued electronically for processing by the counties.

SVRS and Pre-Registered Voters

Vendors will also provide a file for pre-registered voters, but SVRS will <u>not</u> be programmed to upload the pre-registered voter history data.

Secretary of State Evaluation

Report by Secretary of State due January 31, 2014 to the legislature. The report must include:

1. a description of the technology that was used and explanation of how that technology was selected;

2. the process used for implementing electronic poll books;

3. a description of training that was conducted for election judges and other election officials in precincts that used electronic poll books;

4. the number of voters who voted in each precinct using electronic poll books;

5. comments, feedback, or recommendations from election judges and others in a precinct using electronic poll books;

6. the costs associated with the use of electronic poll books, broken down by precinct;

7. comments, feedback, or recommendations from the participating cities and counties regarding data transfers and other exchanges of information; and

8. any other feedback or recommendations the secretary of state believes are relevant to evaluating the pilot project.