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NEW BALLOT SCANNING EQUIPMENT RECEIVES FINAL CERTIFICATION

The final certification of the Dominion Absentee Voting System has been completed and training of the members of the parish board of election supervisors will begin in August in order to implement a statewide deployment for the Oct. 22 election. The new scanners were subjected to an Accuracy Test as specified in Vol. 1, section 2.1.2 of the 2005 Voting System Standards and successfully met the requirements of the test.

The new absentee voting system will be integrated with the statewide voting system in order to create one system for absentee by mail voting, early voting and election day voting. This will allow consistency in training and procedures for election officials across the state. The new scanning system will improve the process for counting paper ballots and allows the parish boards of election supervisors to review the intent of each voted ballot to make determinations on the voter's intent as required by law.

The new system was funded with grant money from the Help America Vote Act. For more information about the Secretary of State's Elections Division, visit www.GeauxVote.com or call 225.922.0900.

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