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BALLOT SCANNING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION
TO BE HELD AT SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

A demonstration of the new ballot scanning equipment will be held on Monday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium of the Secretary of State's Office located at 8585 Archives Ave. in Baton Rouge. Secretary of State and East Baton Rouge Parish Registrar of Voters staff members will be among the first group of trainees. Members of the media are invited to attend.

The absentee voting system will be implemented and deployed for use in the Oct. 22 election. The new and existing equipment will be merged 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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