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**BALLOT SCANNING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION**  
**TO BE HELD AT ORLEANS PARISH REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE**

A demonstration of the new ballot scanning equipment will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters Office located at 1300 Perdido St., Room 1W23 in New Orleans. Secretary of State and Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters staff members as well as members of the State Board of Election Supervisors 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](http://www.GeauxVote.com) or call 225.922.0900.

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