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**RESULTS OF THE  
VOTEC CORPORATION VOTESAFE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK  
DEMONSTRATION**



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## **RESULTS OF THE VOTEC CORPORATION VOTESAFE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK DEMONSTRATION**

Act 3 of 2002 (Pennsylvania's voter registration law) requires that "the computer list shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary" for both paper and electronic poll books, 25 Pa.C.S. 1402(b)(2). On May 27, 2010, the Department of State held a demonstration of the VOTEC Corporation VoteSafe electronic poll book. There were also two additional webinars on August 5 and August 25, 2010. Based on information obtained during the demonstration and webinars, it is the determination of the Secretary that the VoteSafe electronic poll book meets all requirements of Act 3 and federal law (see the attached checklist) and is hereby approved for use in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for all federal, state and municipal elections. If the VOTEC Corporation makes any changes to the VoteSafe electronic poll book that affect its compliance with the requirements in Pennsylvania or federal law, they must immediately notify the Department of State and schedule a demonstration to review the changes.

Counties wishing to implement the Votesafe electronic poll book may do so county-wide or on an individual precinct-by-precinct basis.

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**Poll Book Requirements (Paper or Electronic)**

**Results of the VOTEC Corporation VoteSafe electronic poll book**

- The computer list shall be in a form prescribed and approved by the Secretary. (25 Pa. C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- For each election district, the list shall contain the names of the registered electors – alphabetically by last name. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Each page of the list (or each screen) shall contain the name of the county. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Each page of the list (or each screen) shall contain the election district. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Each page of the list (or each screen) shall contain the date of the election. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Each page of the list (or each screen) shall contain the date and time the list was prepared. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).

**The list must contain:**

- A legible signature. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- The street address. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Political party of each registered elector. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2); 4 Pa. Code § 183.11(b)(3)).
- Suitable space for insertion of the signature of the registered elector. (25 P.S. § 3050(a.3); 25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Suitable space for insertion by the proper election official of the number and letter of the stub of the ballot issued to the registered elector or the registered elector's number in the order of admission to the voting systems. (25 P.S. § 3050(a.3); 25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Suitable space for insertion of the initials of the election official who enters the record of voting in the district register. (25 P.S. § 3050(a.3); 25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).
- Indication of whether the elector needs assistance to vote and, if so, the nature of the disability. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1402(b)(2)).

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N/A The bar code of the registrant (only necessary for paper poll books). (4 Pa. Code § 183.11(b)(2)).

- The date of birth of the registrant. (4 Pa. Code § 183.11(b)(4)).
- The SURE registration number of the registrant. (4 Pa. Code § 183.11(b)(5)).
- An elector's affirmation appears above each signature section and contains the verbiage "I hereby certify that I am qualified to vote in this election." (25 P.S. § 3043).
- An inverted address (only for paper poll books) that cannot be seen by the elector. For electronic poll books, the elector cannot see the address. (25 P.S. § 3050(a.3)).
- An inverted signature line (only for paper poll books). The elector shall not be able to see the signature when signing his/her name. (25 P.S. § 3050(c)).
- An indication of whether the registrant's status is active or inactive. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(c); 4 Pa. Code § 183.11(b)(6)).

Flags Required by the SURE System

- For voters who are "Inactive," affirmation is required. (25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(c) and (d)(3); 4 Pa. Code § 183.11).
- "ID Required" - Indication of whether the voter needs to present voter identification. An elector who appears to vote in an election district for the first time must present valid voter identification. (25 P.S. § 3050(a)).
- "Absentee Ballot" - If an elector who voted an absentee ballot is in the municipality on Election Day, he or she must vote in the precinct, and the absentee ballot is voided. (25 P.S. § 3146.6(b)).
- "Must vote in person"- Indication of whether the voter needs to present voter identification if the elector votes for the first time by mail. (Federal: 42 U.S.C. § 15483(b)).