

K.C.E.B. ElectionNews

NEW SYSTEM.....SAME DEMOCRACY.....VOTE!

Tuesday, August 8, 2006, will mark the beginning of a new voting era in Kansas City. For the first time in history, voters will have a choice in voting methods.

Two systems will be used at each poll, one (1) optical scan and one (1) touch screen voting machine.

Optical scan technology is not new to Missouri. 56 counties in our state have used this method since 1980. In fact, Kansas City voters living in Platte County have used 'op scan' since 1994; those in Cass County since 1998 and in Clay County for the past six years.

None of these jurisdictions have experienced problems with the system.

The optical scan unit is referred to as the "second chance" voting system, as voters will be instantly alerted if too many candidates are selected in a race. When the error is detected, the ballot is ejected and the voter is given a second chance to make corrections.

Most voters will prefer using the optical scan unit

because it is so easy and so fast! Lines are less likely to form as 4 - 6 privacy booths will be available to mark ballots.

If you have ever taken a test in school, or completed a survey in the mail, you will understand optical scan voting. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Simply fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue of your choice. A marking pencil will be provided in the privacy booth.

2. Review your ballot. If you wish to change or correct your vote, a poll worker will give you a new ballot.

3. When you have completed voting, place your ballot in the scanning unit.

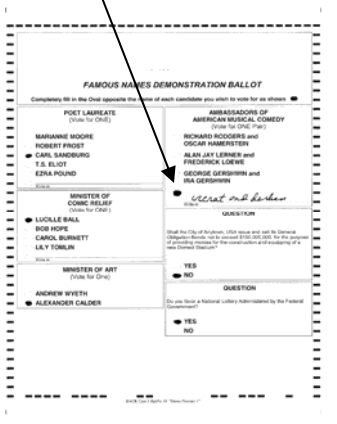
In less than a second, the ballot will be read and deposited in the ballot box!

Ballots and memory cards will be securely transported to our office, where results will be accumulated, reported to the media and posted on our website.

The paper ballots will serve as the permanent record to be used in case of a recount. All records are maintained in accordance with Missouri State Retention Guidelines.

The system is new, it's different, it's fast, but our democratic process remains the same!

1. Fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue of your choice.



2. Review your ballot.

3. Place your ballot in the unit.

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING SYSTEM

The second voting method to be used in Kansas City polls is touch screen, or electronic voting, which is the newest technology on the market. It is placed in direct response to a mandate in the . With its use, voters with disabilities will finally be able to vote privately and independently for the first time in voting history. Other voters may use the machine as well.

Citizens will find that the touch screen will greatly simplify the voting process. Easy to follow screen instructions will prompt the voter either in audio or visual format through the ballot. Large, easy to read fonts will give clear indication of choices. Voters will not need to touch the square target area, they can touch anywhere within the voting rectangle to cast a vote. A keypad will be provided to enable the visually impaired to make choices.

Voters will be able to change their selections at any time by “de-selecting” a choice, then touching a second preference. Touching the “Next” button at the bottom of the screen will advance users to the next page. Overvoting is not permitted on the touch screen system.

For declared write-in candidates, voters will touch the “Write-in” box

and a keypad will appear, allowing the candidate’s name to be entered, then recorded.

When all races have been entered, voters can review a summary of their ballot and compare the summary to a printed paper record of each choice. Once the ballot is cast, the paper record will be stored, preventing further viewing of the record. This audit

system. When received, totals will be uploaded and reported.

Though the administrative and voting processes will change significantly with this conversion, the Board’s commitment to conduct free, fair elections will remain the same.

Voters can feel confident that the Board’s priority is to maintain the



An election judge will insert an access card.

Touch the screen to select candidates or issues.

Review the ballot and make corrections or changes.

Print the ballot to verify your choices.

Cast the ballot.

trail will become the official record in the event of a recount.

Each system is a stand alone unit, with no internet , networking, or wireless connection, precluding hacking into the system.

Results will be manually transported to our office, thereby eliminating the possibility of connectivity to the

integrity of elections. The Board is fortunate to have the same capable staff who have served the voters of Kansas City in the past, responsible for transitioning to and maintaining election processes in the future!

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TEST VOTING SITES AVAILABLE

Voters may visit any of the following locations to see and test vote the new equipment:

July 12 - July 29

Mon - Thurs 4 pm - 8 pm

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

Blue Ridge Library	9253 Blue Ridge
Bluford Library	3050 Prospect
North-East Library	6000 Wilson Rd.
Plaza Library	4801 Main
Red Bridge Library	11140 Locust

Ruiz Library	2017 Pennway
Southeast Library	6242 Swope Parkway
Waldo Library	201 E. 75th St.
Westport Library	118 Westport Rd.

July 12 - August 7

Mon - Fri 10 am - 3 pm

City Hall	414 E. 12th St.
Federal Office Bldg	601 E. 12th St.
State Office Bldg	613 E. 13th St.

July 12 - August 7

Mon - Fri 4 pm - 8 pm

Cleaver YMCA 7000 Troost

July 12 - August 7

Mon - Sat 11am - 7 pm

Ward Parkway Shopping Center
8500 Ward Parkway

Note: Scheduled times may vary due to unforeseen circumstances.

MISSOURI'S PRIMARY ELECTION

The August 8 election held in Missouri is a "Primary Election". The purpose of a "Primary" is to select the nominees of the political parties who will advance to the November General Election ballot. Party candidates for U. S. Congress, statewide offices, state legislative offices and County offices will be nominated.

Other amendments/issues will also appear on the ballot.

Both the optical-scan and touch screen machine will allow selection of any party primary ballot at the voters' discretion.

Primary Elections are often confusing and sometimes irritating to voters, and even to election officials. What is happening at a "Primary" is really several elections at the same time! Each individual political party is holding an election for its voters to select

that party's candidates. In some states, those specific elections are held on different days! And in some states, citizens register "by party". Missouri does not do that, but votes all parties on the same day.

Voters who wish to participate in a Primary Election select which party's ballot they wish to take at the polls on the day of the election. No official record is kept of which party's ballot a voter chooses. Participation in a party's primary does not create any legal obligation to vote for its nominees in the November election.

It might help to understand a Primary Election if you think of the National Political Party Conventions seen on television every four years. The delegates to each convention select the nominees of their parties for the of-

fices of President and Vice President. When we go to the polls in August, we are, in effect, delegates to our local parties "conventions". Naturally we can only participate in one or the other of the party nominating elections. Missouri Law has followed the above procedure since the reforms of the early 20th century. Before that time, there were local meetings (Caucuses) of the parties to select nominees. Citizens actually voted in public, but only at one party's caucus. The expression "stand up and be counted" dates back to the days of the local public party caucuses.

Parties still caucus publicly to select delegates to their state and national conventions. Any registered voter may attend any party caucus...but only one caucus!

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED
IN NOVEMBER, 2006
ELECTION**

A recent measure enacted by the Missouri General Assembly will require voters to show photo identification at the polls beginning with the November 7 General Election.

With passage of this legislation, voters will need to present a driver's license or other government issued photo ID to vote.

The state will provide free ID cards to voters who do not have driver's licenses. Ill and disabled voters are exempt from the requirement.

Voters without proper ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

Visit www.dor.mo.gov for more details about the plan.

ABSENTEE SATELLITES AVAILABLE

Beginning July 19, voters residing in the City of Kansas City, who wish to vote absentee, can visit any one of the following locations to cast a ballot:

Brush Creek Community Center

3801 Cleaver II Blvd.

Center Senior High School

8715 Holmes Road

ITT Technical Institute

9150 E. 41st Ter.

Hillcrest Community Center

10401 Hillcrest Road

Hours of operation are 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday - Friday and 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturdays, with one exception: Hillcrest Community Center is only available until 6:00 pm each day.

The Election Board office will also be available for absentee balloting from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays.

All locations will close at 5:00 pm the day

before the election, Monday, August 7.

Touch screen voting will be available at each location.

Voters may vote absentee based on one of the following conditions:

- Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which voter is registered
- Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
- Religious belief or practice
- Employment as an election official at a location other than your polling place.
- Incarceration, if the voter has retained all the necessary qualifications for voting.

Questions concerning absentee voting may be called to the Absentee Department at 842-4820, ext. 225.

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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES: AUGUST 8, 2006 & NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.mo.us to review the 2007 election calendar