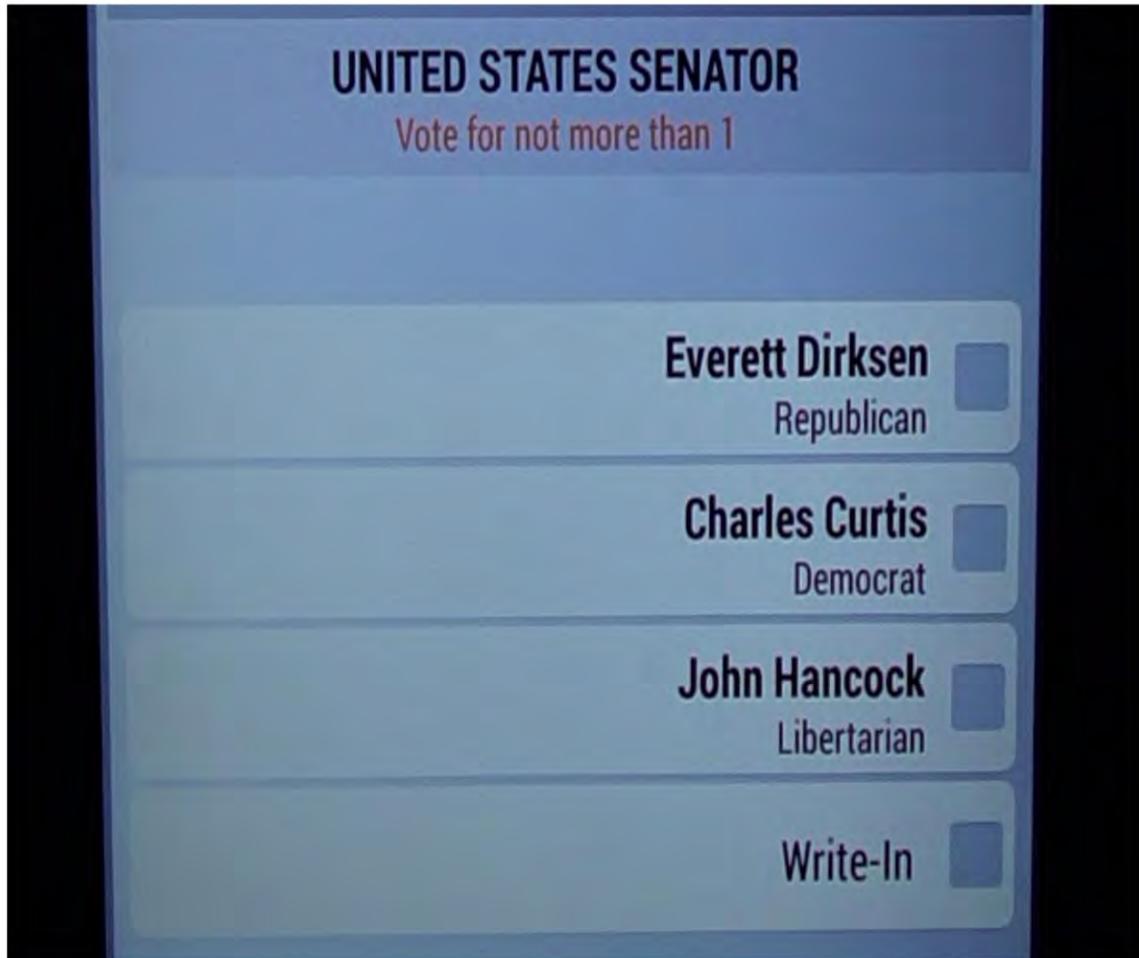


Dominion Touchscreen: Simple Hacks and Daunting Recoveries

Phillip Davis, Marilyn Marks, & Drew Springall

Dominion Touchscreen ICX



Simple Election Database Hacks

Hack the **Voter**

or

Hack the **Vote Count**

Davis Found 5 Counties' Restricted Data on Public Site

Restricted GA Election
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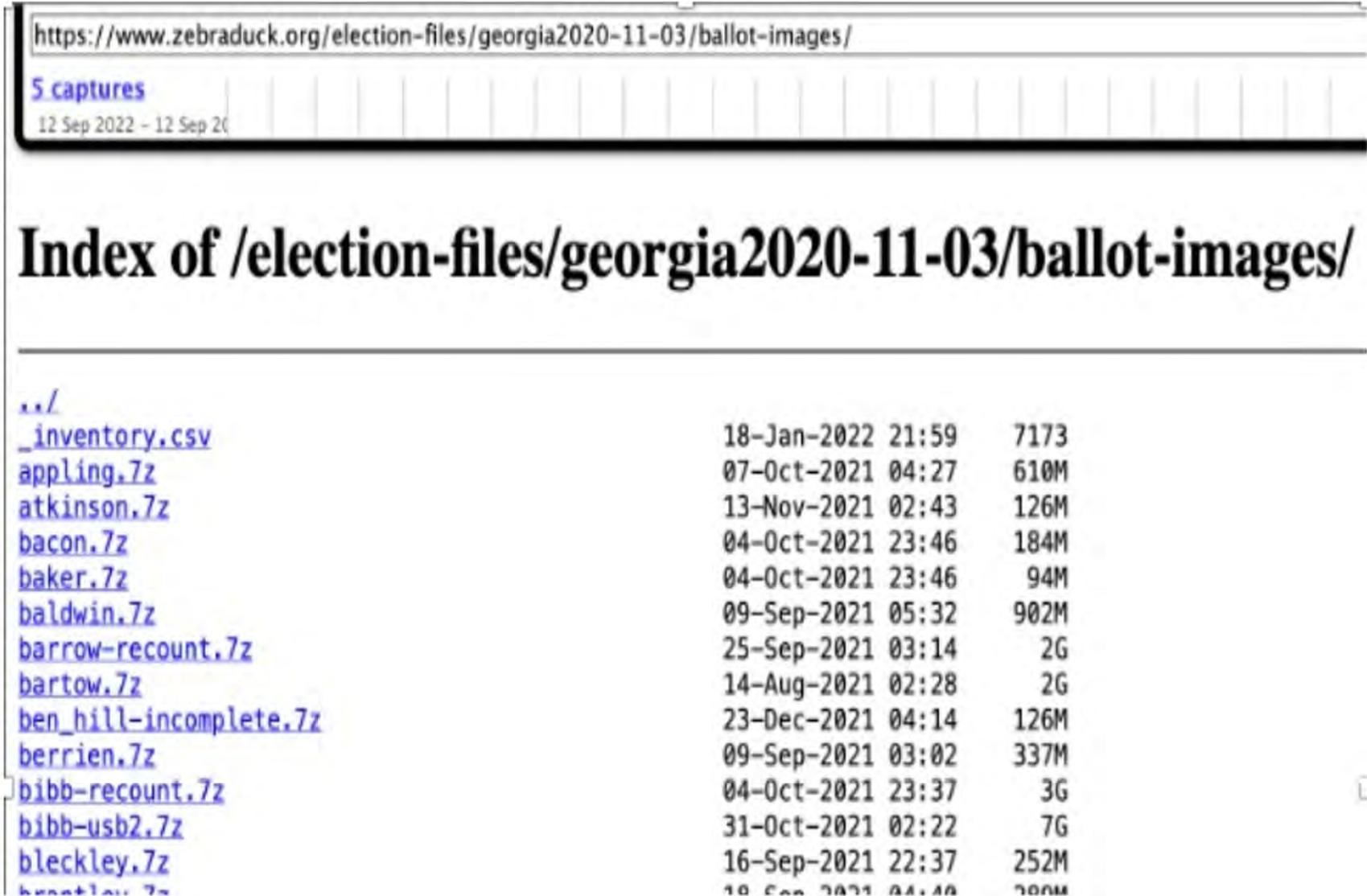
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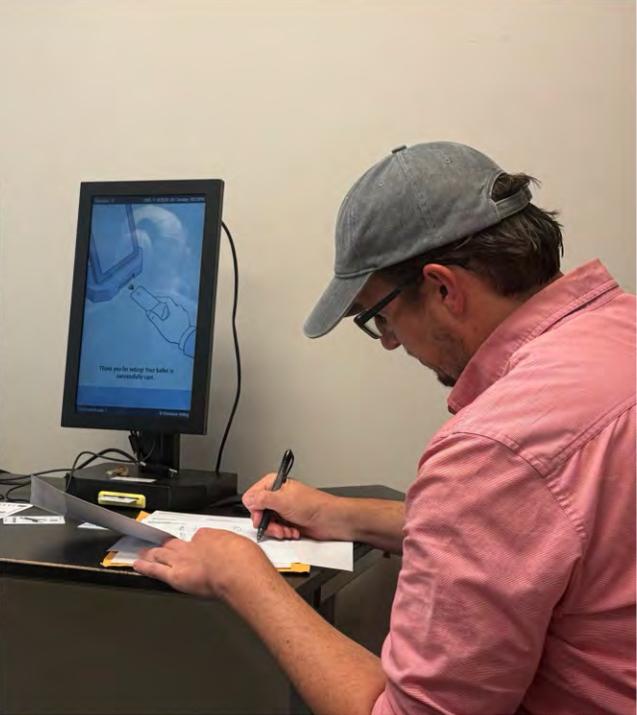
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Davis Learns SQLite DB Easily Accessed and Modified

<i>ChoiceId</i>	StyledText
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2	<#>Joseph R. Biden - <small>President<...</small></td>
3	<#>Jo Jorgensen - <small>President</...</small></td>
68	<#>Write-in<#>
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6	<#>Shane Hazel <small>Libertarian</...</small></td>
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Hacked over a weekend three weeks ago



Previous Findings (GA, DemSuite 5.5-A)

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REDACTED VERSION

Security Analysis of Georgia's ImageCast X Ballot Marking Devices

Expert Report Submitted on Behalf of Plaintiffs Donna Curling, et al.
Curling v. Raffensperger, Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-2989-AT
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With the assistance of Prof. Drew Springall, Ph.D.

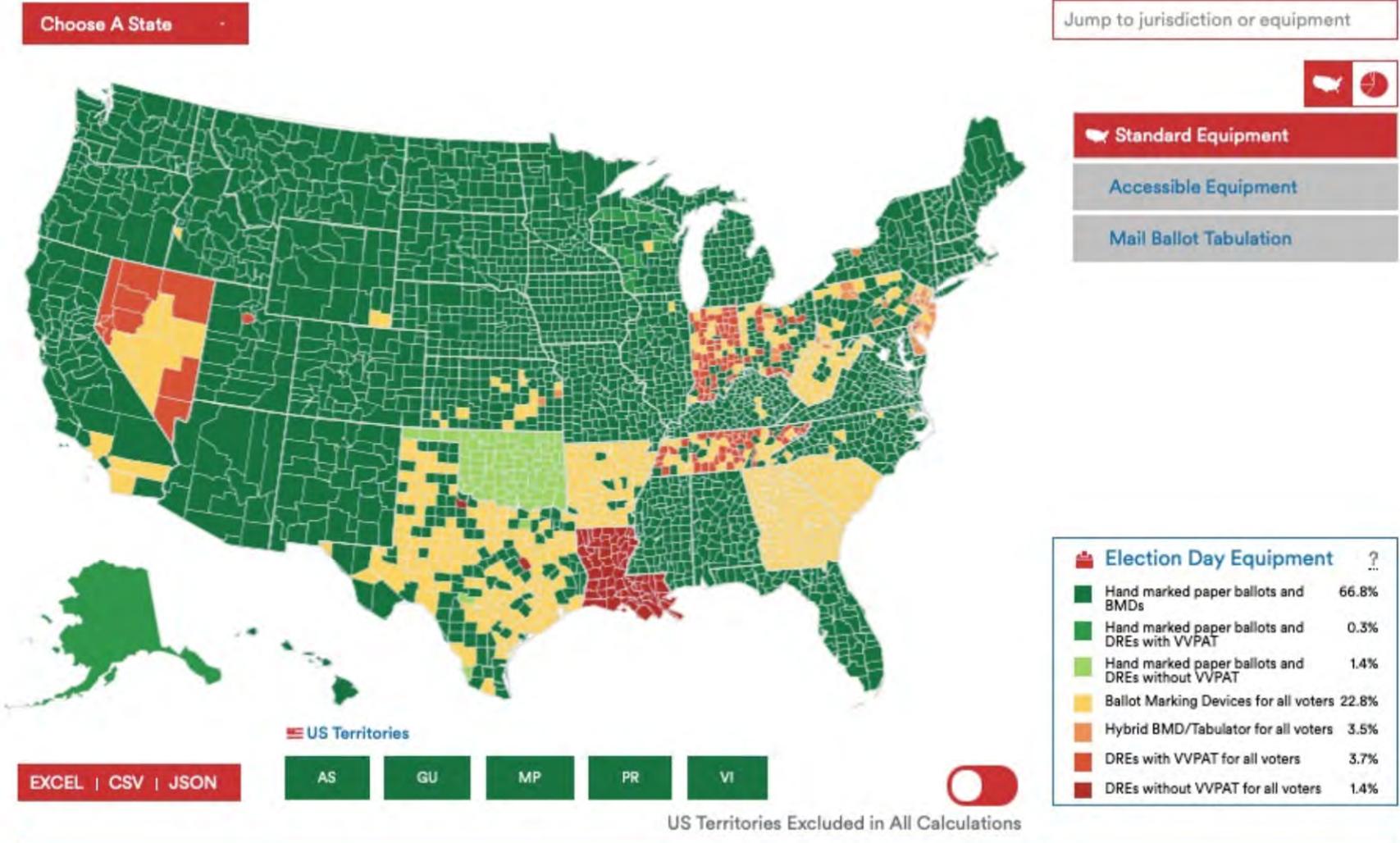
July 1, 2021

- Court-ordered access to ICX and precinct scanner (ICP)
- Protective order
- Multiple vulnerabilities found
 - Validated by CISA
 - "Bottom Up" hacks proven
 - Hear more in Session 2

Hand Marked Ballots are Standard

FAYETTE COUNTY 302-Brooks		
OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT		
OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA NOVEMBER 3, 2020		
INSTRUCTIONS:		
To Vote		Warning
1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot.		Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.		Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided.		Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
		Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
		Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.
If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:		
A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spelled" across the ballot and across the return envelope.		
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.		
If you decide to vote in person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.		
<small>*Understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law. (O.C.G.A. 21-2-294(a), 21-2-295(b) and 21-2-303(a).)</small>		
For President of the United States (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump - President Michael R. Pence - Vice President (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden - President Kamala D. Harris - Vice President Democrat <input type="radio"/> Jo Jorgensen - President Jeremy "Spiks" Cohan - Vice President Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Write-In For United States Senate (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> David A. Perdue (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Jon Ossoff Democrat <input type="radio"/> Shane Hazel Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Write-In	SPECIAL ELECTION For United States Senate (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Johnny Isakson, Resigned) (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Al Bartall Independent <input type="radio"/> Allen Buckley Independent <input type="radio"/> Doug Collins Republican <input type="radio"/> John Fortuin Green <input type="radio"/> Derrick E. Grayson Republican <input type="radio"/> Michael Todd Greene Independent <input type="radio"/> Annette Davis Jackson Republican <input type="radio"/> Deborah Jackson Democrat <input type="radio"/> Jamesia James Democrat <input type="radio"/> A. Wayne Johnson Republican <input type="radio"/> Tamara Johnson-Shealey Democrat <input type="radio"/> Matt Lieberman Democrat <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kelly Loeffler (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Joy Felicia Slade 	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Jason Shaw (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Robert G. Bryant Democrat <input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Melton Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Write-In For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr. (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Daniel Blackman Democrat <input type="radio"/> Nathan Wilson Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Write-In For U.S. Representative In 117th Congress From the 3rd Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Drew Ferguson (Incumbent) Republican <input type="radio"/> Val Almonord Democrat <input type="radio"/> Write-In For State Senator From

Hand Marked Ballots with Tabulator are Standard



Dominion Touchscreen

“ICX”



“BMD”

“ImageCast X”

“Ballot Marking Device”

ICX Printed Ballot Ready for Scanning

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Coffee County, Georgia

Republican General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election
May 21, 2024

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101-Douglas



For United States House of
Representatives - District 8
Vote for Austin Scott (I)

For State Senate District 13
Vote for Carden H. Summers (I)

For State House of Representatives -
District 176
Vote for James D. Burchett (I)

For Clerk of Superior Court
Vote for Elisa Gillis (I)

For Sheriff
Vote for Daniel S. Paulk

For Tax Commissioner
Vote for Shane Pridgen

For Surveyor
Vote for Adam H. Evans (I)

For Coroner
Vote for Brandon K. Musgrove (I)

For Solicitor General of Coffee County
Vote for Jared Roberts (I)

Republican Party Question 1
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 2
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 3
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 4
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 5
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 6
Vote for Yes

Republican Party Question 7
Vote for No

Republican Party Question 8
Vote for No

Judge - Supreme Court (Boggs)
Vote for Michael P. Boggs (I)

Judge - Supreme Court (Ellington)
Vote for John J. Ellington (I)

Judge - Supreme Court (Peterson)
Vote for Nels Peterson (I)

Judge - Supreme Court (Pinson)
Vote for Andrew Pinson (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Dillard)
Vote for Stephen Dillard (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Hodges)
Vote for Ken Hodges (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Land)
Vote for Ben Land (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Mercier)
Vote for Amanda H. Mercier (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Miller)
Vote for Jeff Davis

Judge - Court of Appeals (Rickman)
Vote for Brian M. Rickman (I)

Judge - Court of Appeals (Watkins)
Vote for Jeffrey A. Watkins (I)

Democracy Suite Voting System



EMS Server



ICX



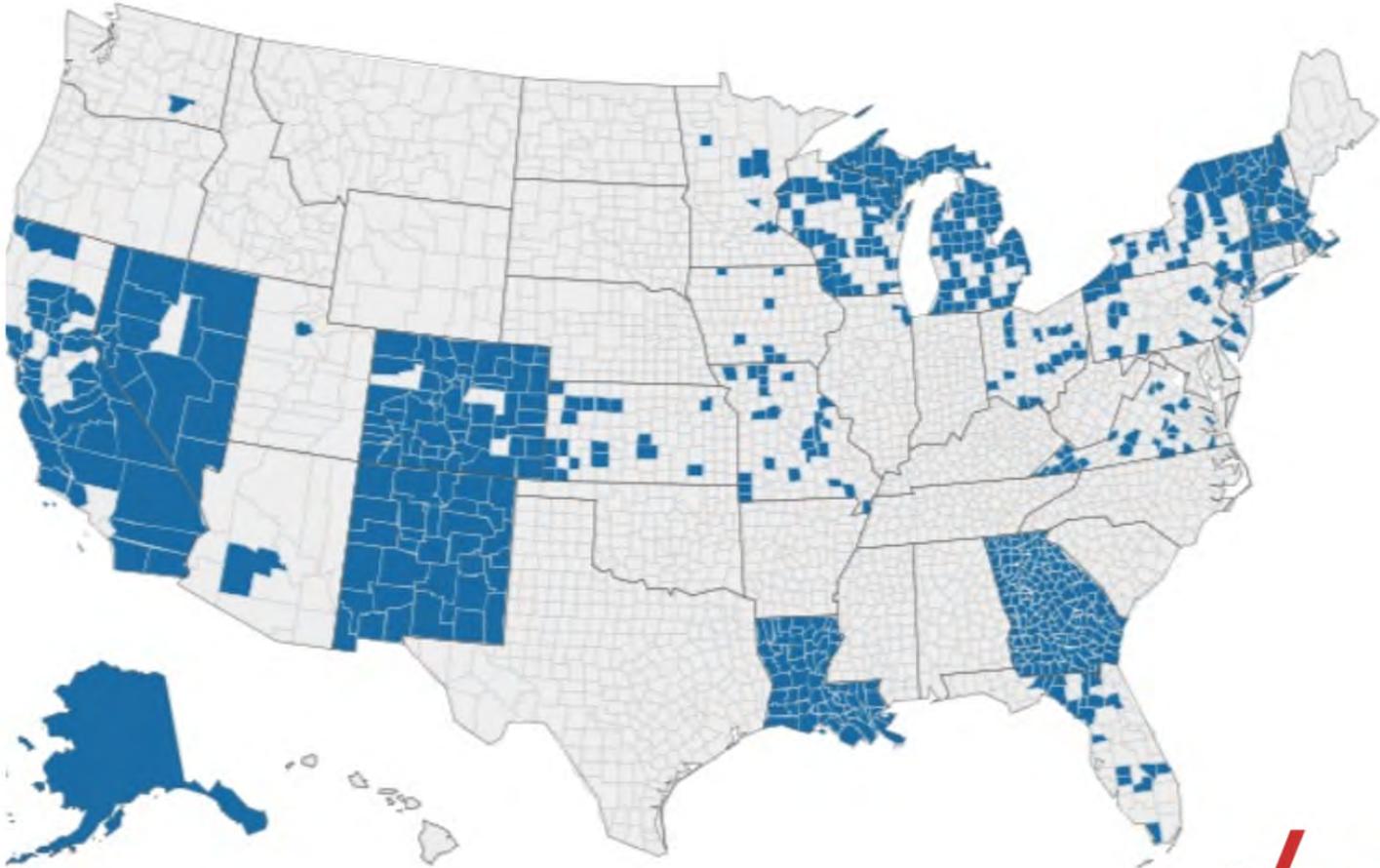
ICP Scanner



EMS Server

Dominion System Usage

[Jump to jurisdiction or equipment](#)



VerifiedVoting

40,000 ICX Touchscreens in GA



- Big COTS Touchscreen with App
- Printer creates record
- Select the Mayor or Senator



- Big COTS Touchscreen with App
- Printer creates record
- Select Big Mac or Milkshake

ICX Deployment



ICX Used for Demonstration

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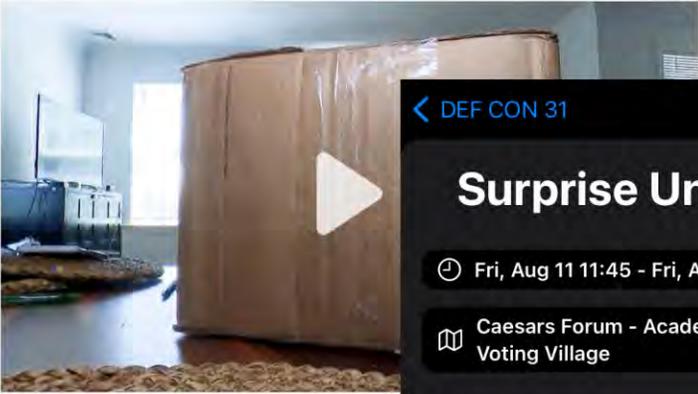
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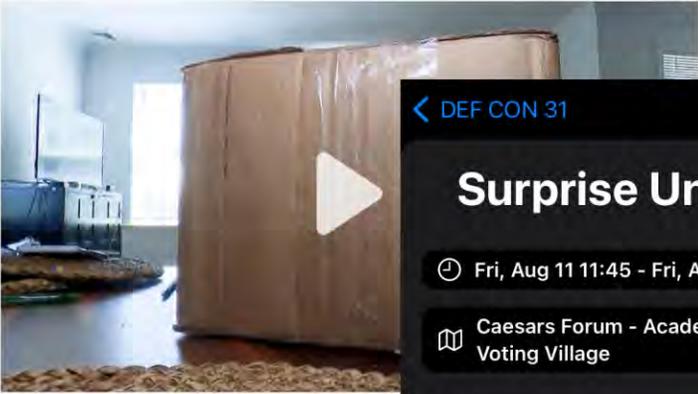
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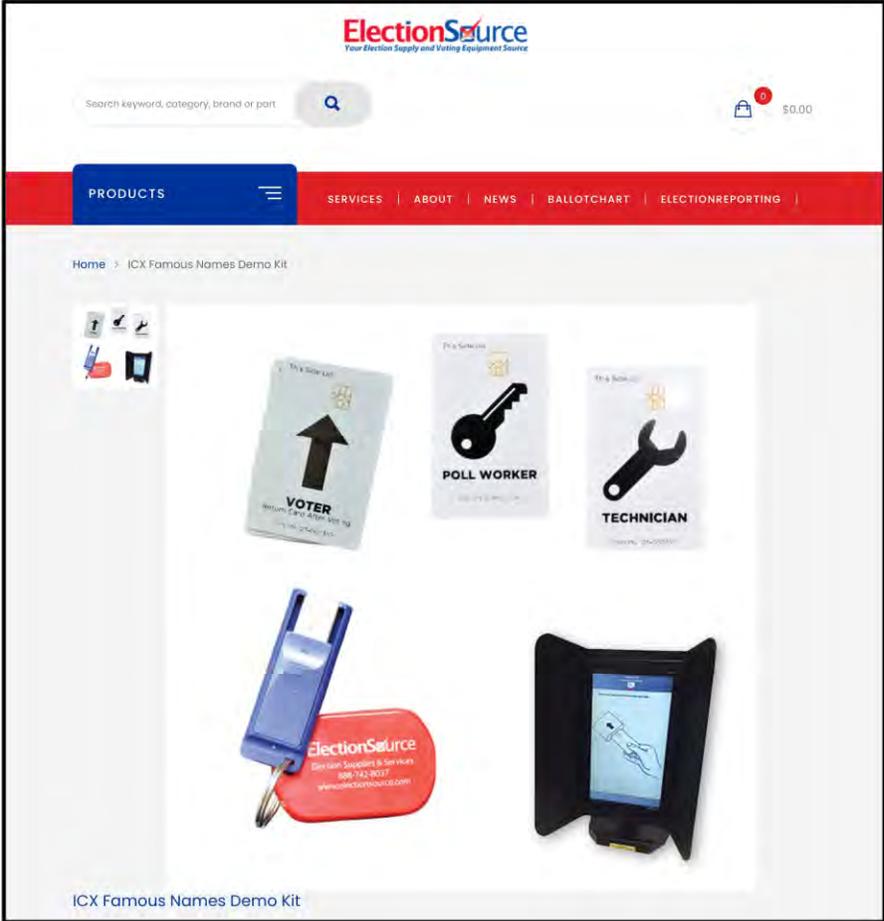
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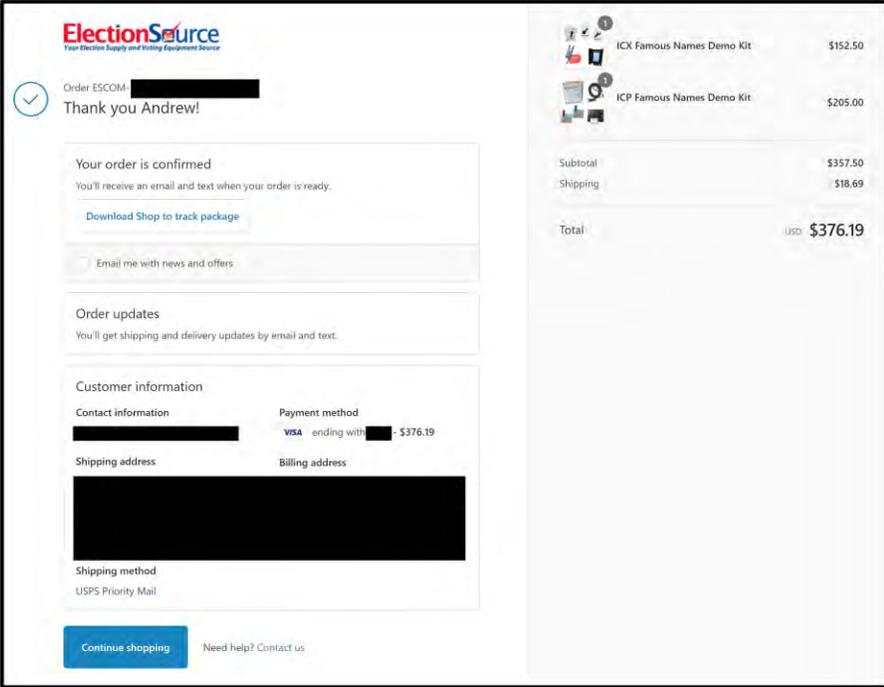
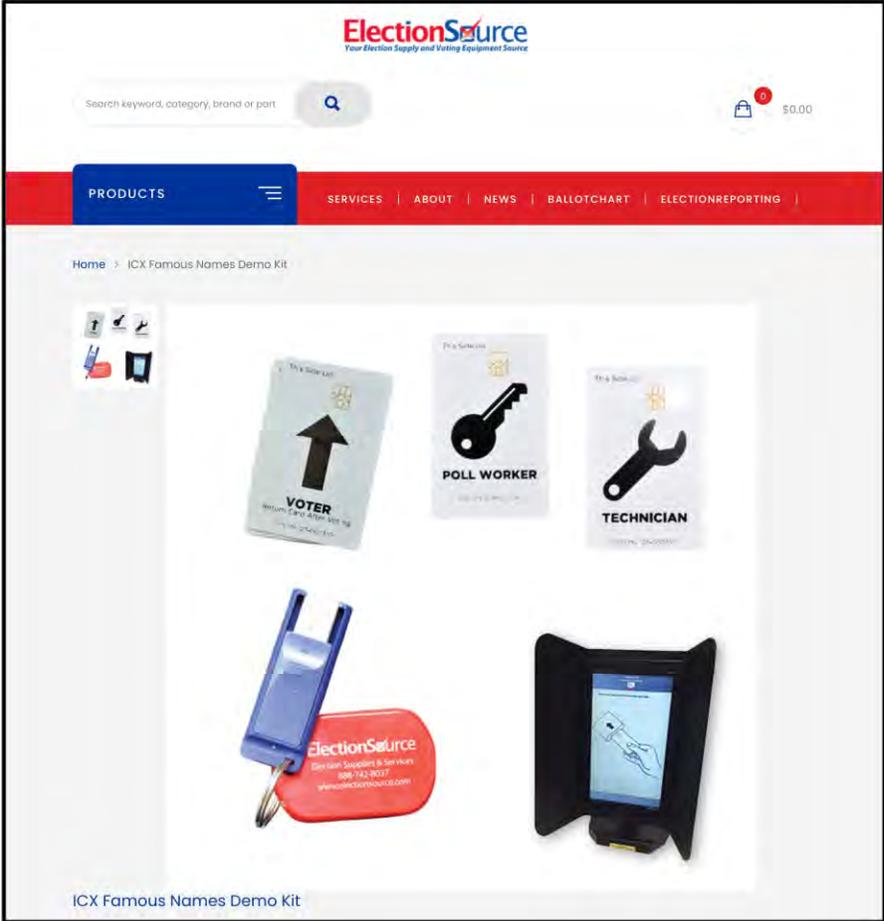
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- COTS Android tablet (Avalue Technologies SID-15V)
 - Underlying OS: Android 4 OS
 - Voting System: DVS DemSuite 5.5
 - ICX App: v5.5.10.25

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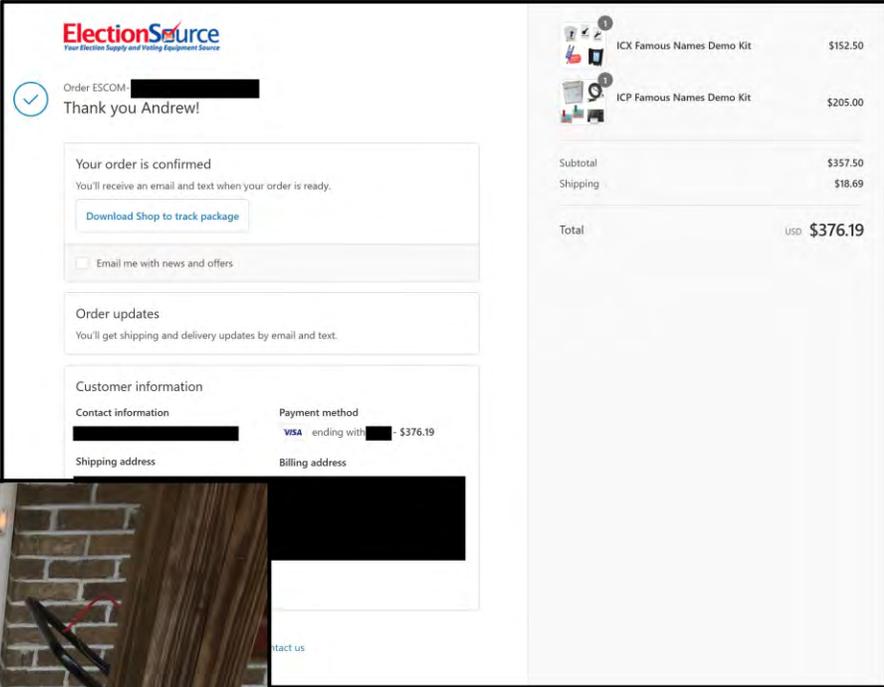
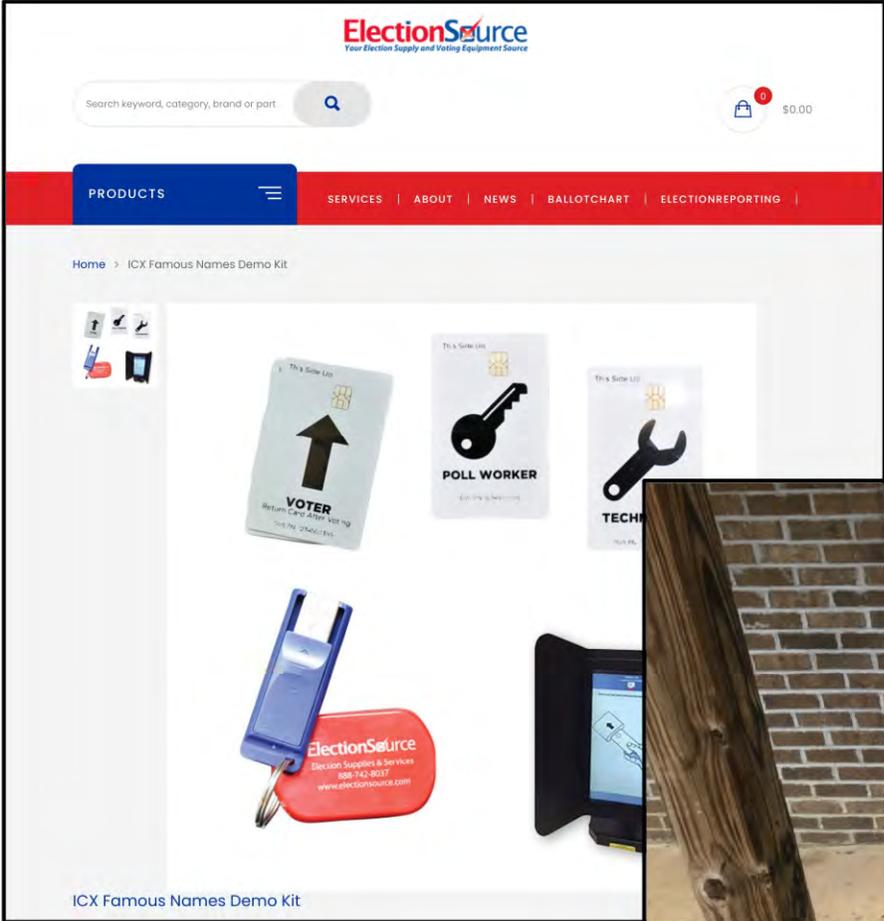
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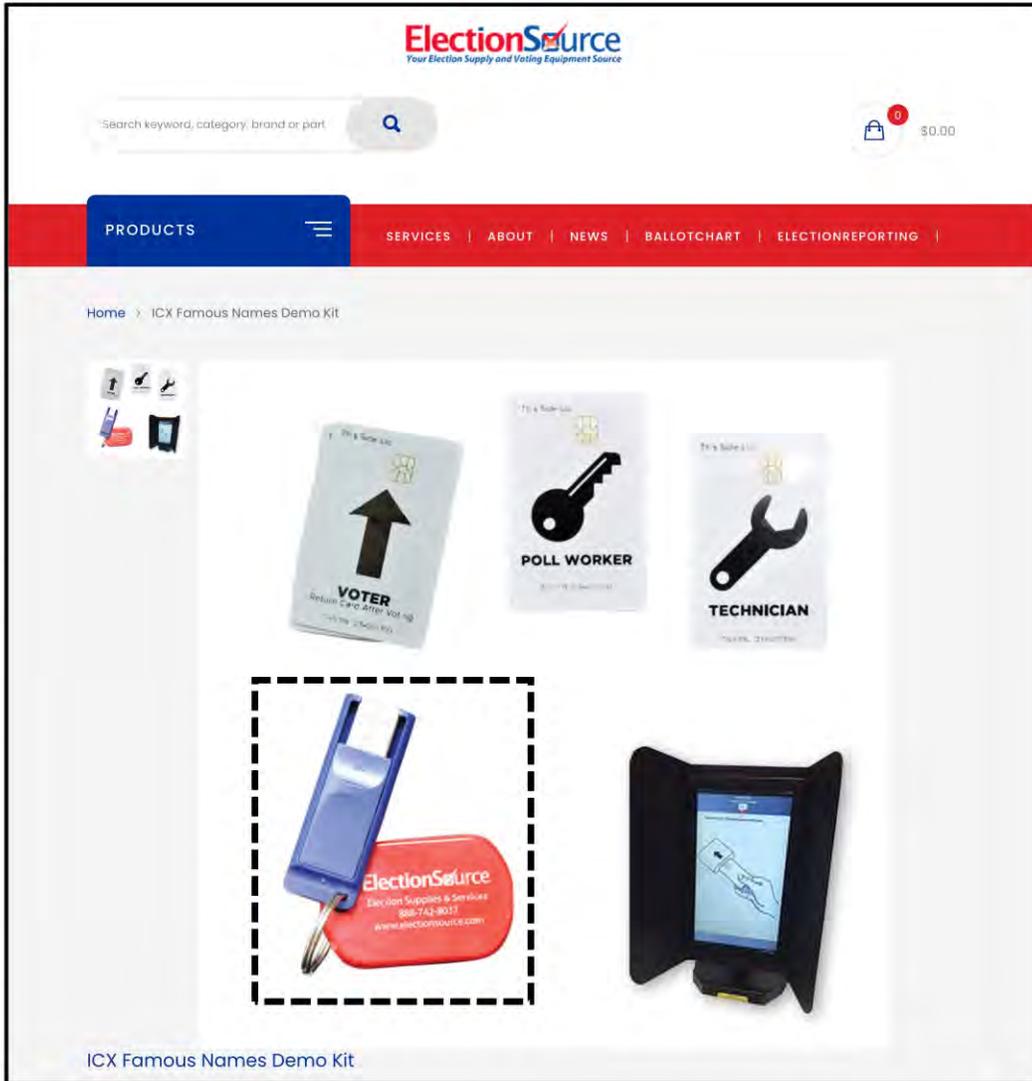
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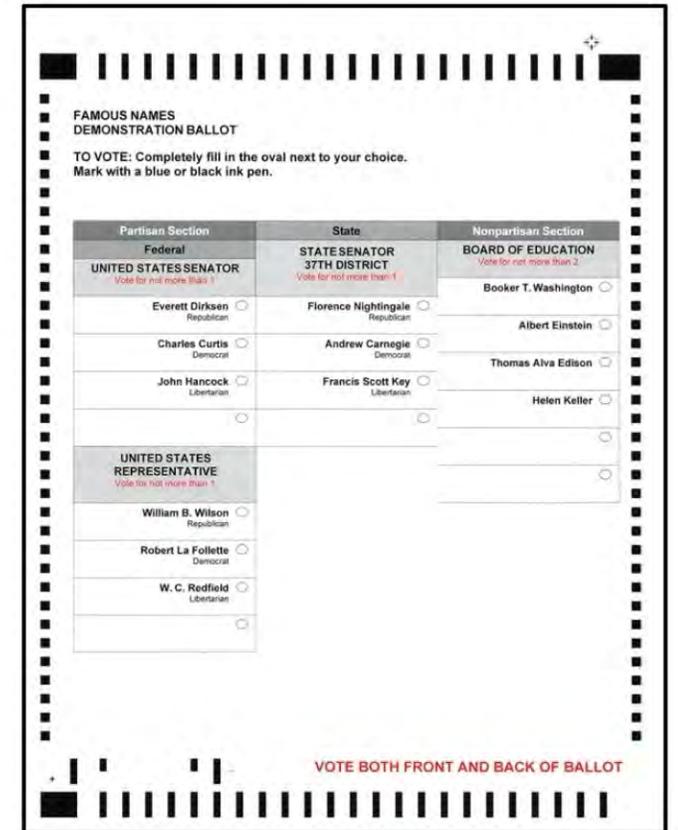
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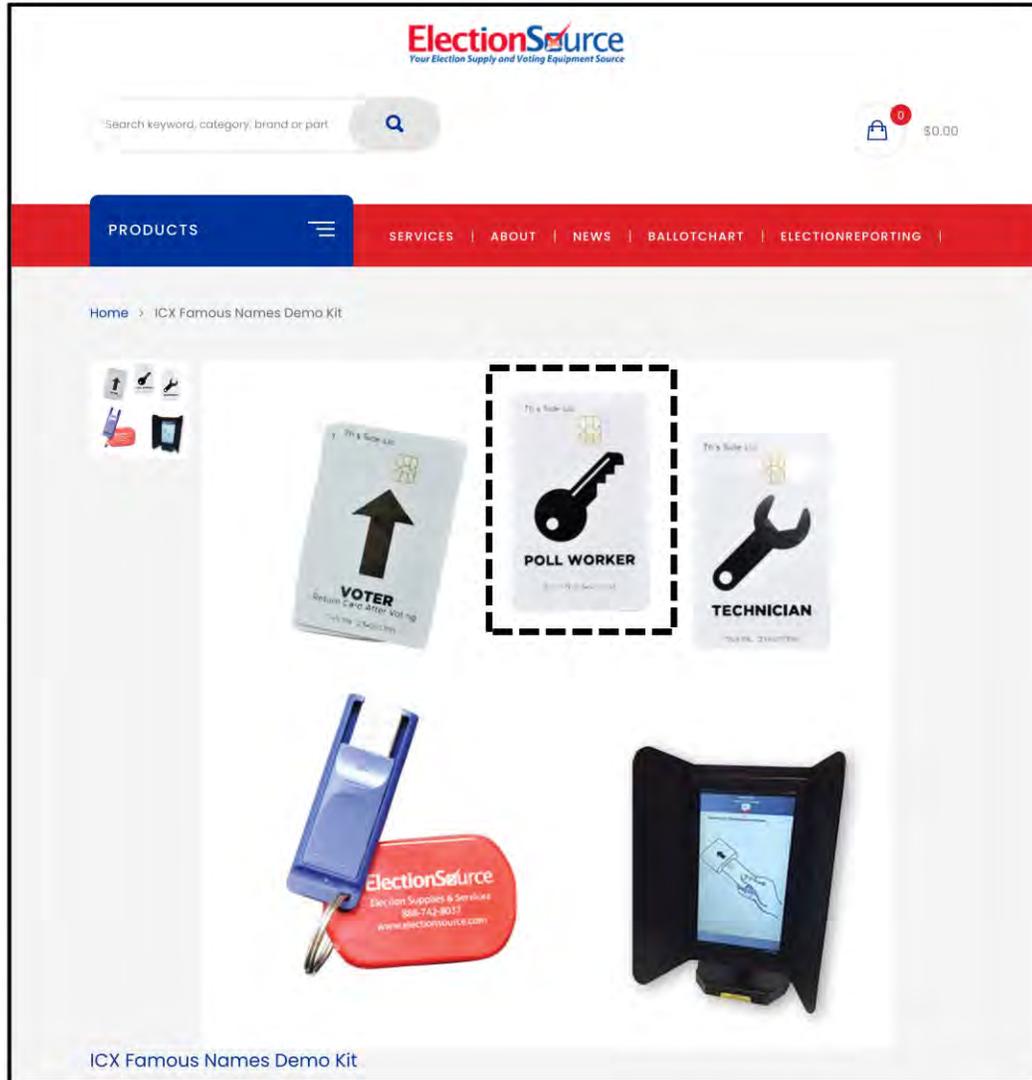
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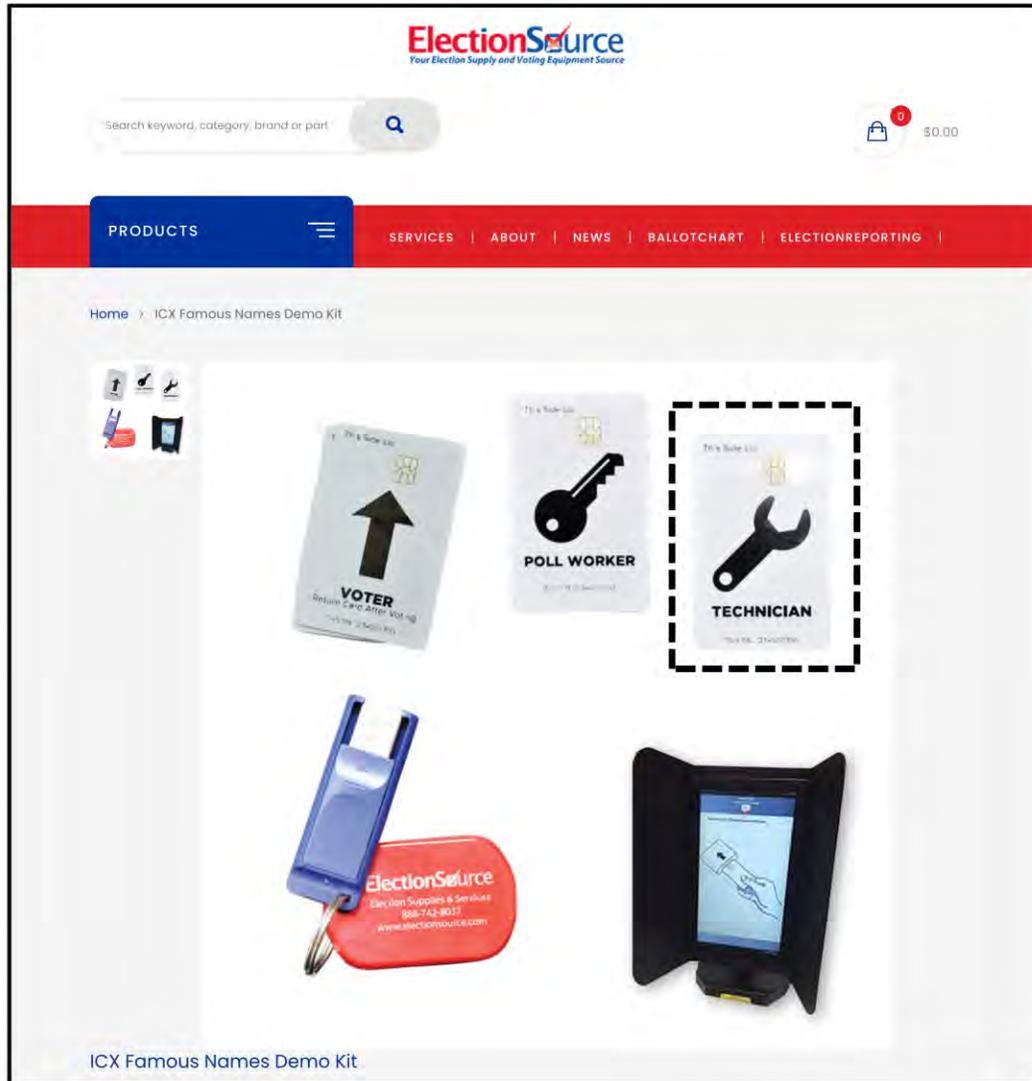


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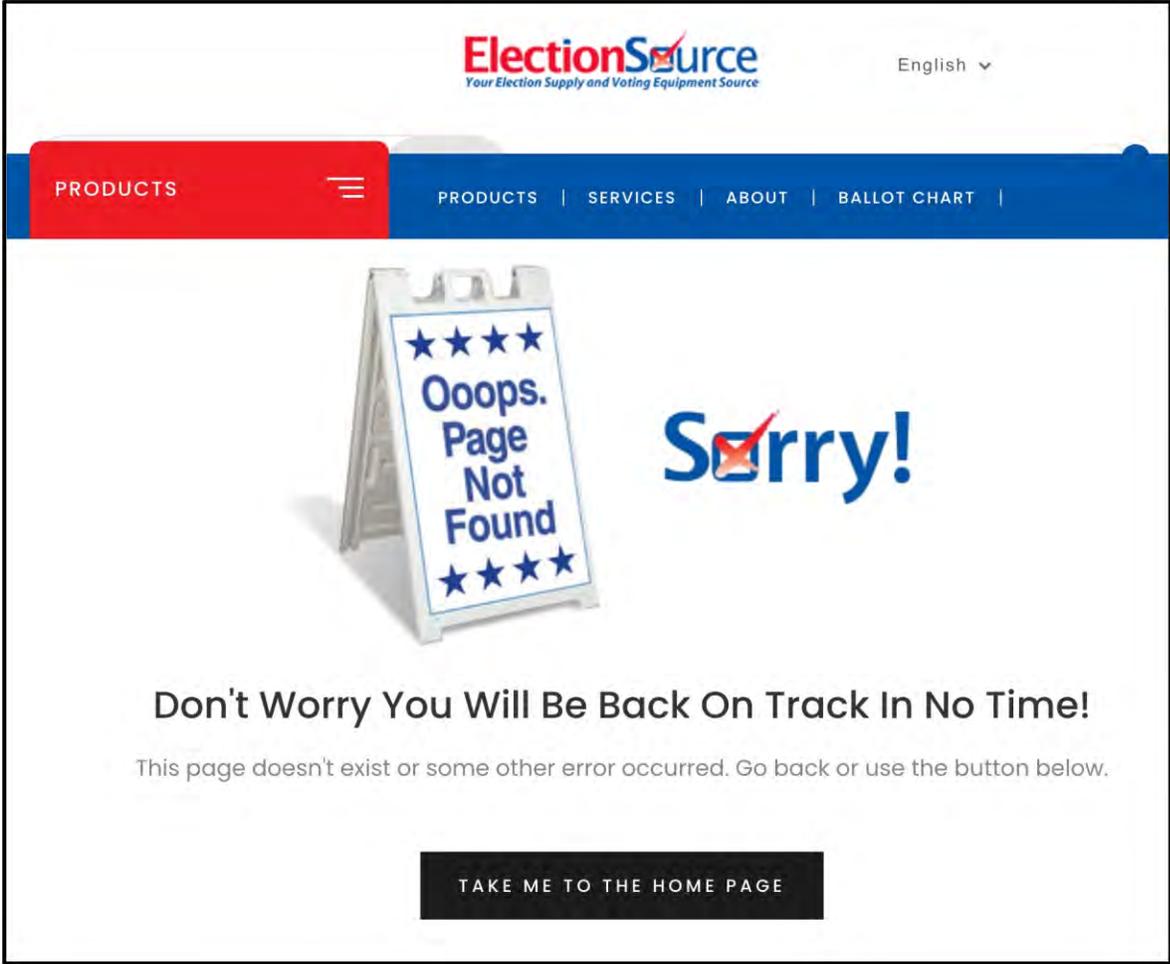
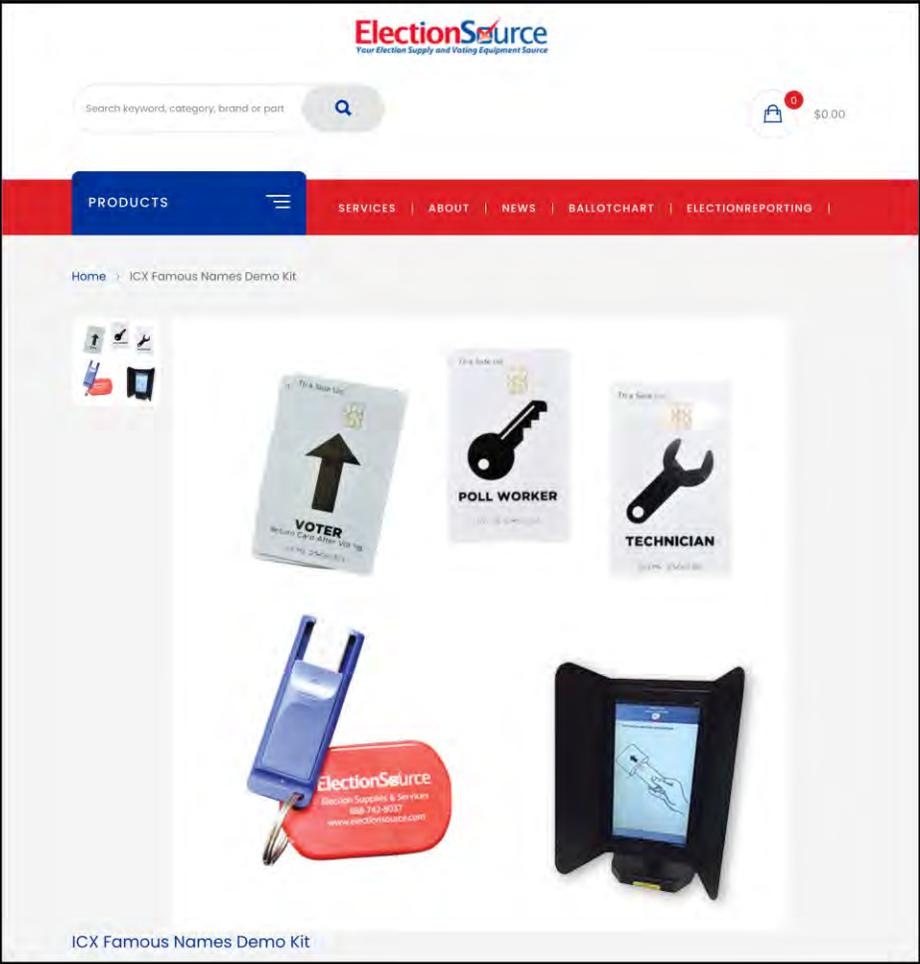
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Famous Names Demo Kit



- ICX election definition
- Poll-Worker Card
- Technician Card
 - PIN provided with kit
 - **NOT specific to demo-election**

Famous Names Demo Kit



QR-Code Ballots

- Printed by ICX via COTS printer

**FAMOUS NAMES
DEMONSTRATION BALLOT**



UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1
Vote for John Hancock (LIB)

UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE
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STATE SENATOR
37TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1
Vote for Francis Scott Key (LIB)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Vote for not more than 2
Vote for Thomas Alva Edison
Vote for Helen Keller

PROPOSITION 1
Vote for No

PROPOSITION 2
Vote for No

PROPOSITION 3
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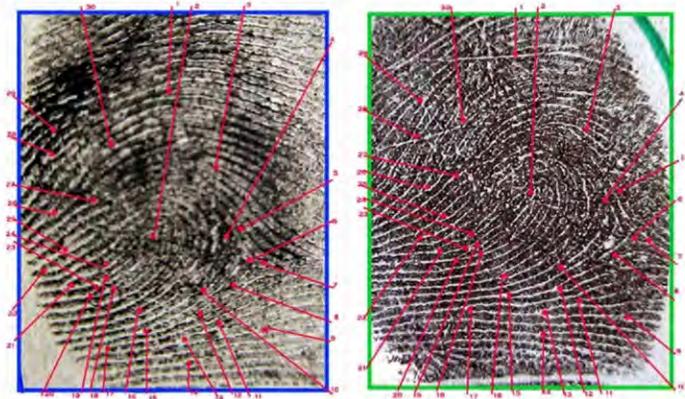
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 - The **only** part of ballot that is read by scanner
 - Contents/Interpretation details are publicly-available*



QR-Code Comparison

Fingerprint Comparison



QR-Code Comparison

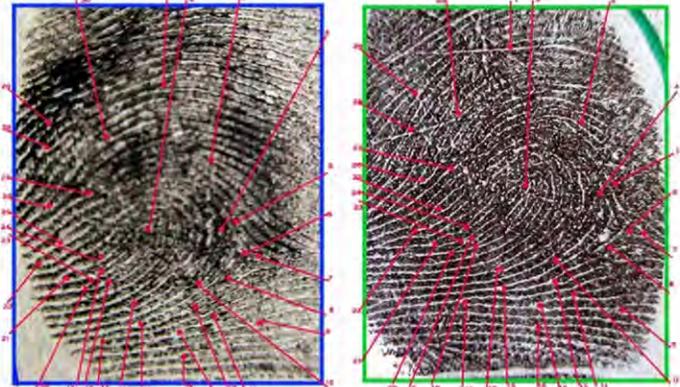


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QR-Code Comparison

Fingerprint Comparison



Matching Comparison



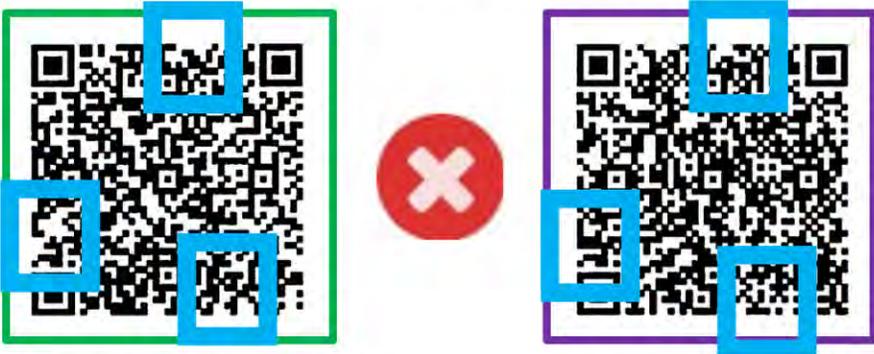
QR-Code Comparison



Pristine

Created

Non-Matching Comparison



ZebraDuck public online election data

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Contained in one of the table was the county's encryption keys and HMAC key.

- **Name**
Appling Nov 2020 General
- **AES Key**
H^n19wW\$IK~02&yX
- **AES Vector**
6Kv%Dc&1|A2k7rE\$
- **HMAC Key**
0x396424503F454262527E6C34304E5B741133694775593
62632675E514A7C376F

County ICX Touch Screen Configuration Files

After finding the configuration file for the ICX, I was able to decrypt and decompress the data file using the encryption keys and locate a SQLite database.

Name	Date modified	Type
 electiondata.db3	9/12/2020 8:22 AM	DB3 File

ICX SQLite Database

The ICX's database was a very basic design that contains the ballot styles, choices and contests.

- BallotType
- BallotTypeLocalized
- Choice
- ChoiceAppearance
- ChoiceAppearanceAffiliated
- ChoiceGroup
- ChoiceLocalized
- Configuration
- Contest
- ContestAppearance
- ContestElectorGroup
- ContestHeading
- ContestHeadingContest
- ContestHeadingLocalized
- ContestLocalized
- ElectionEvent

ICX SQLite Database

The ICX's database was a very basic design that contains the ballot styles, choices and contests.

The voting software uses these tables to present a user interface to the voter. By changing these values, we can change what the voter sees.

- BallotType
- BallotTypeLocalized
- Choice
- ChoiceAppearance
- ChoiceAppearanceAffiliated
- ChoiceGroup
- ChoiceLocalized
- Configuration
- Contest
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- ContestHeadingContest
- ContestHeadingLocalized
- ContestLocalized
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Localized Data Tables

The resources used in the voting application

Choice Localized

This table is designed to allow for multi-lingual support. It holds the localization values of the choices in the current election

Display resources are written in HTML and is used to generate how the candidate or the ballot question is presented on the screen

<i>LanguageId</i>	<i>ChoiceId</i>	StyledText
Filter	Filter	Filter
3	1	<#><#>Everett Dirksen ...
3	2	<#><#>Charles Curtis ...
3	3	<#><#>John Hancock ...
3	14	<#><#>Write-In
4	1	Everett Dirksen
4	2	Charles Curtis
4	3	John Hancock
4	14	Write-in

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Printer resources are plain text and is used to print the candidates name on the voted ballot.

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Choice Localized – Display Resources

```
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<#><#><b>John Hancock</b><br /><small>Libertarian</small>
<#><#>Write-In
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Partisan Section

Federal

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Charles Curtis
Democrat

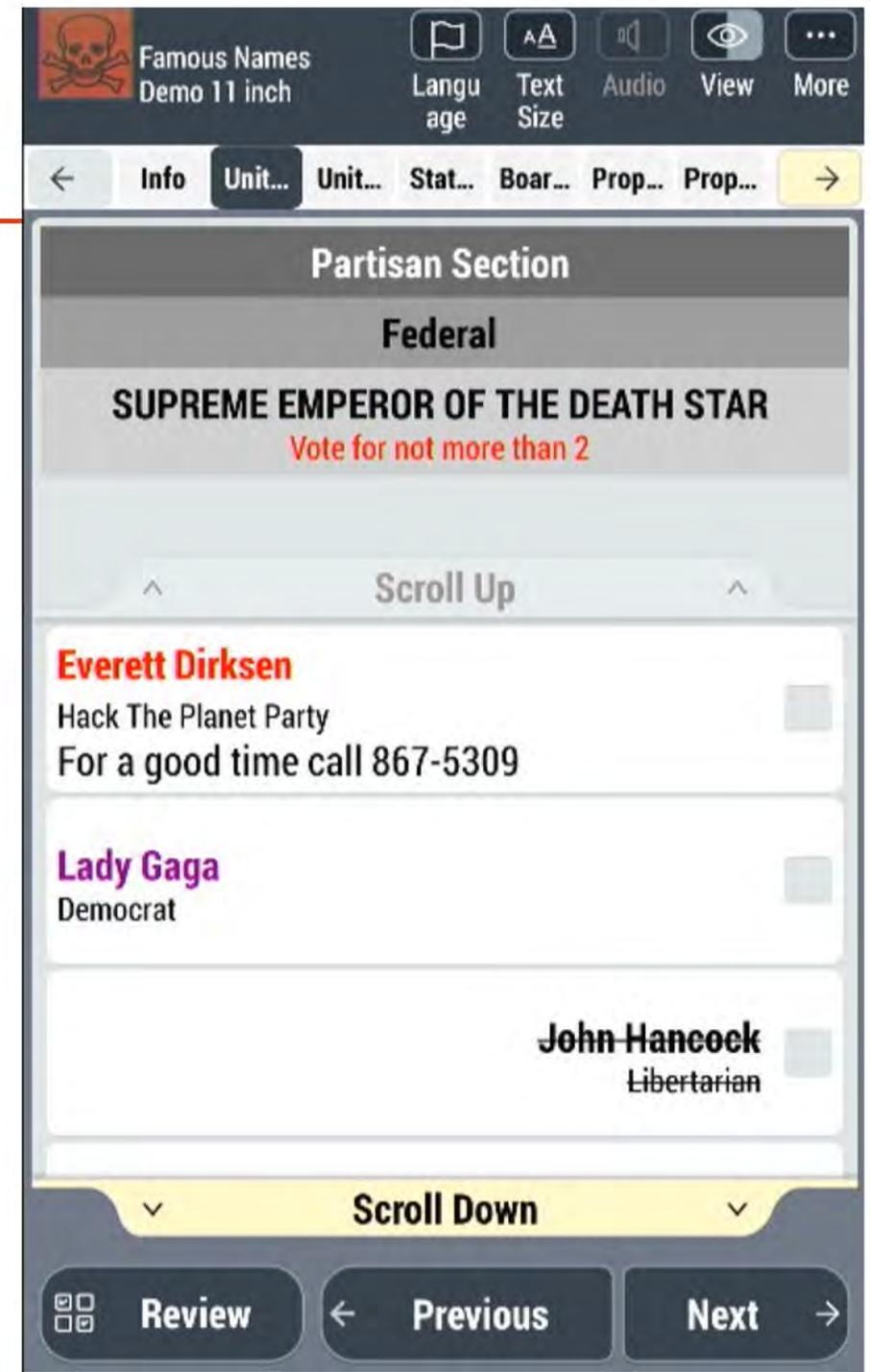
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Libertarian

Write-In

 **Review** **← Previous** **Next →**

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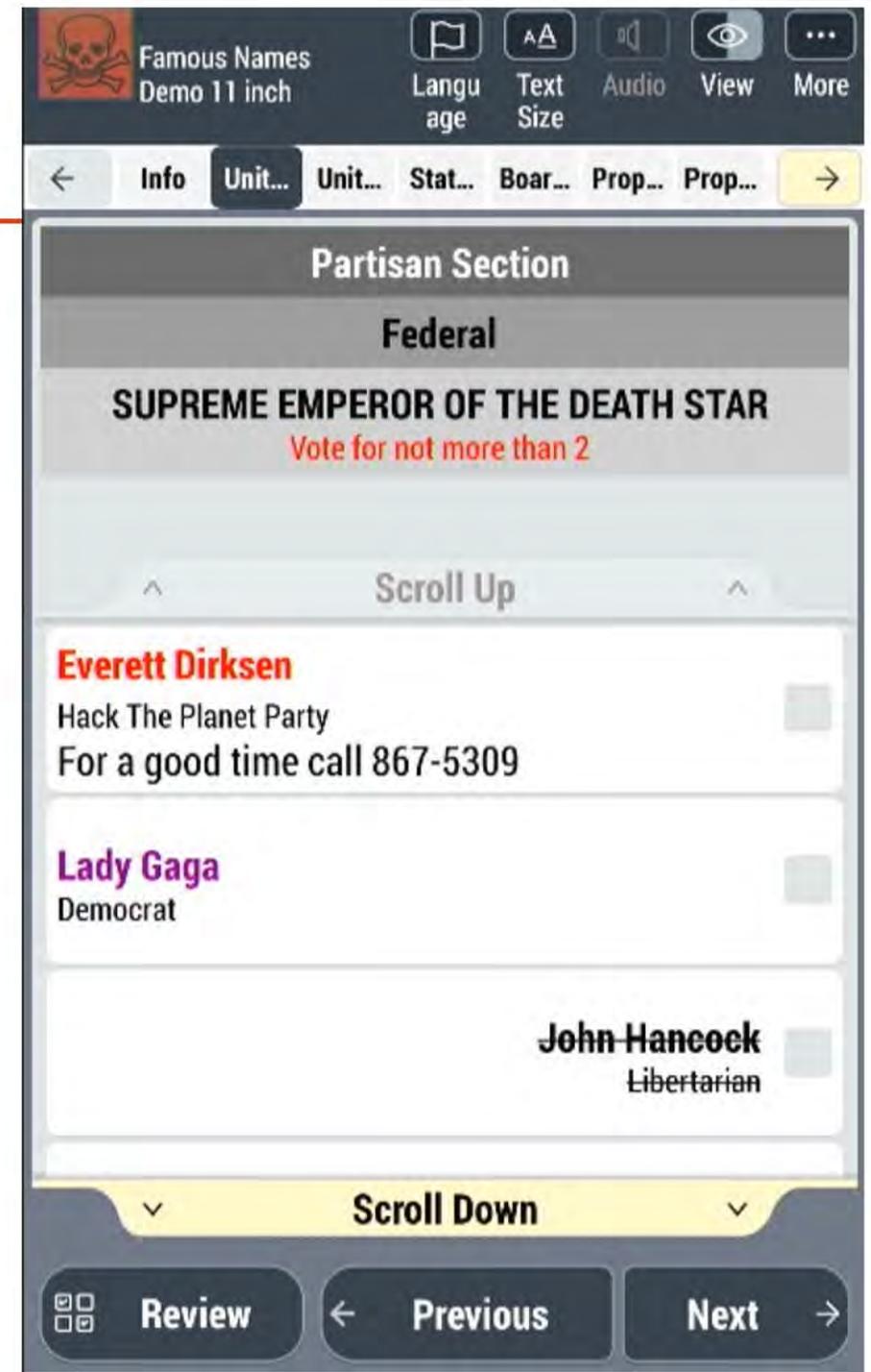


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An attacker can change nearly every aspect of the display.

- Displayed text
- Printed ballot text
- Number of choices per race
- Party affiliations
- Disabling of contests/candidates
- Candidate order



Hacking the Voter

Creating hacks by influencing the voter's intent

Hacking the Voter

Altering the candidate's party affiliation may influence a voter's decision.

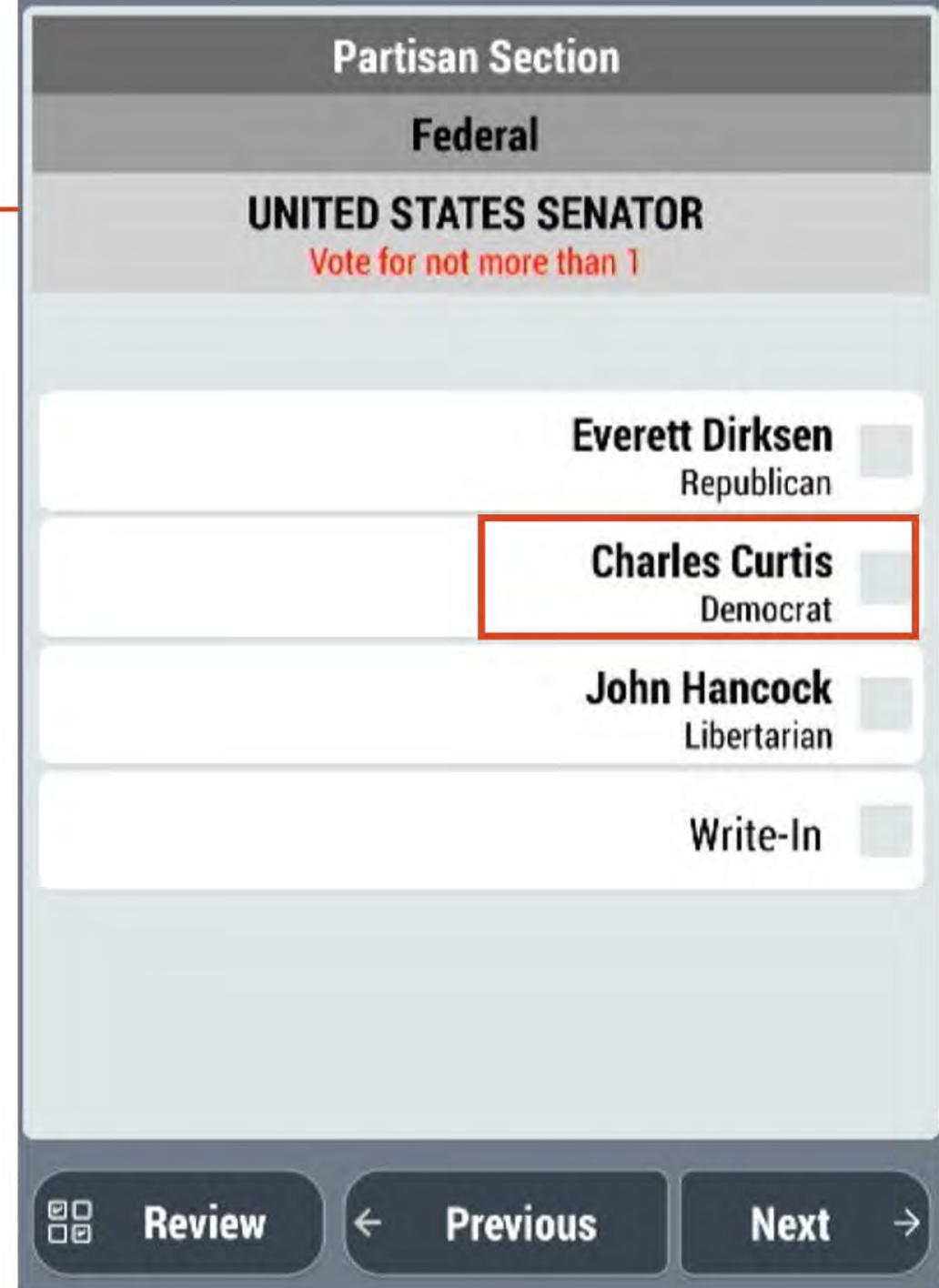


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To a different party.

```
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<br />  
<small>Green</small>
```

The screenshot shows a mobile voting interface. At the top, it says "Partisan Section" and "Federal". Below that, it says "UNITED STATES SENATOR" and "Vote for not more than 1". The list of candidates includes:

- Everett Dirksen, Republican
- Charles Curtis, Democrat (highlighted with a red box)
- John Hancock, Libertarian
- Write-In

At the bottom, there are buttons for "Review", "Previous", and "Next".

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Partisan Section

Federal

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1

<input type="checkbox"/>	Everett Dirksen Republican
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles Curtis Green
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hancock Libertarian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-In

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Hacking the Voter

The instruction that permits two choices in a race can be changed to permit only one.

Changing the contest's instructions

```
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b><br /><font color="#FF0000"><small>Vote  
for not more than 2</small></font><#><#><#>#CCCCCC
```

Although the user can still make 2 choices, it is likely that one candidate will lose votes.

```
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b><br /><font color="#FF0000"><small>Vote  
for not more than 1</small></font><#><#><#>#CCCCCC
```

Nonpartisan Section

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Vote for not more than 2

Booker T. Washington ✓

Albert Einstein ✓

Thomas Alva Edison

Helen Keller

Write-In

Write-In

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Hacking the Voter

The text for ballot questions can be edited in a way that tricks the voter.

```
<#>Shall the consumption of marijuana be  
made legal in the state?<#>
```

Proposal 1

Proposal Section

Shall the consumption of marijuana be made legal
in the state?

Yes

No



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The voter will vote the opposite of their intent.

The printed ballot doesn't print the question, so if the voter sees the printed ballot, they will think they voted correctly

FAMOUS NAMES DEMONSTRATION BALLOT



UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1
Vote for Everett Dirksen (REP)

UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE
Vote for not more than 1
Vote for William B. Wilson (REP)

STATE SENATOR
37TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1
Vote for Florence Nightingale
(REP)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Vote for not more than 2
Vote for Booker T. Washington
Vote for Albert Einstein

PROPOSITION 1
Vote for Yes

PROPOSITION 2
Vote for Yes

PROPOSITION 3
Vote for Yes

Hacking the Vote Count

Creating hacks by changing the vote that is tabulated.

Hacking the Vote Count

Switching the order of the two candidates will record the vote for the opposite candidate.



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Hacking the Vote Count

We can also swap the candidates on the printed text, so reviewing the printed ballot will not disclose the attack.

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Vote for Yes

PROPOSITION 2
Vote for Yes

PROPOSITION 3
Vote for Yes

Live Demonstration of Choice Swap

Swapping two candidates

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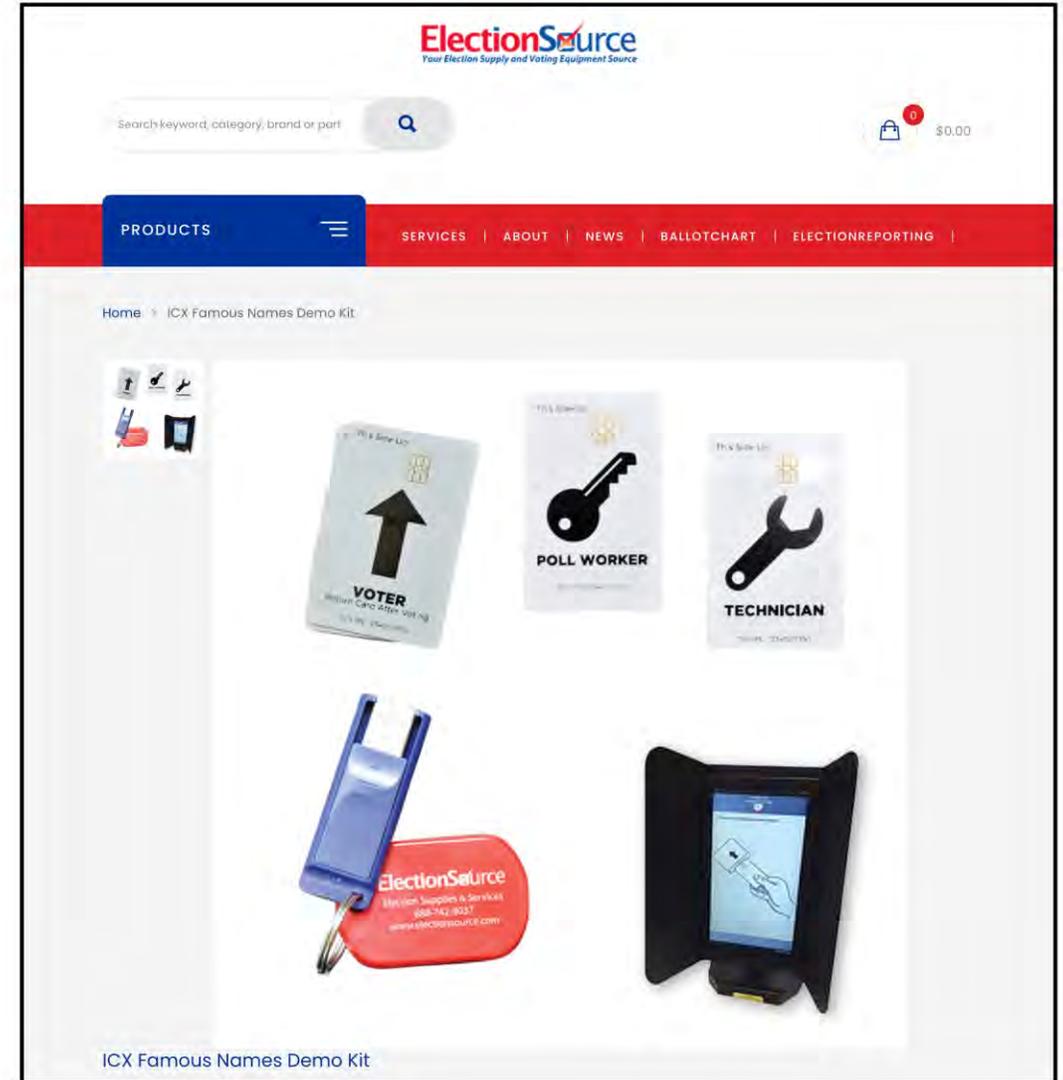
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Poll Workers can ~~obtain~~ their official

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Poll Workers ~~obtain~~ configuration

- ~~We were given from demo-kit's-USB~~

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Poll Workers

- ~~We load the chosen election definition~~



What would it take to hack a <insert scenario here>?

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What would it take to hack a <insert scenario here>?

- ~~Understand election definition~~
 - **SIMPLE** given publicly-available data
- Obtain AES key+IV
 - Located on EMS, every PW-Card, and every ICX
- Obtain *unmodified* election definition
 - Located on EMS, setup USBs, and every ICX
- Replace with *modified* election definition
 - Modify during EMS creation/export
 - Swap USB drive before pre-election configuration
 - Replace on ICXes in-transit, during over-nights, or during the voting period



Resolving Incorrect Definition-Related Errors

- Real-World Examples
 - Antrim County, MI (2020)
 - Dekalb County, GA (2022)

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Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press

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Miscount in DeKalb race caused by voting computer programming errors

Recount will rely on backup paper ballots

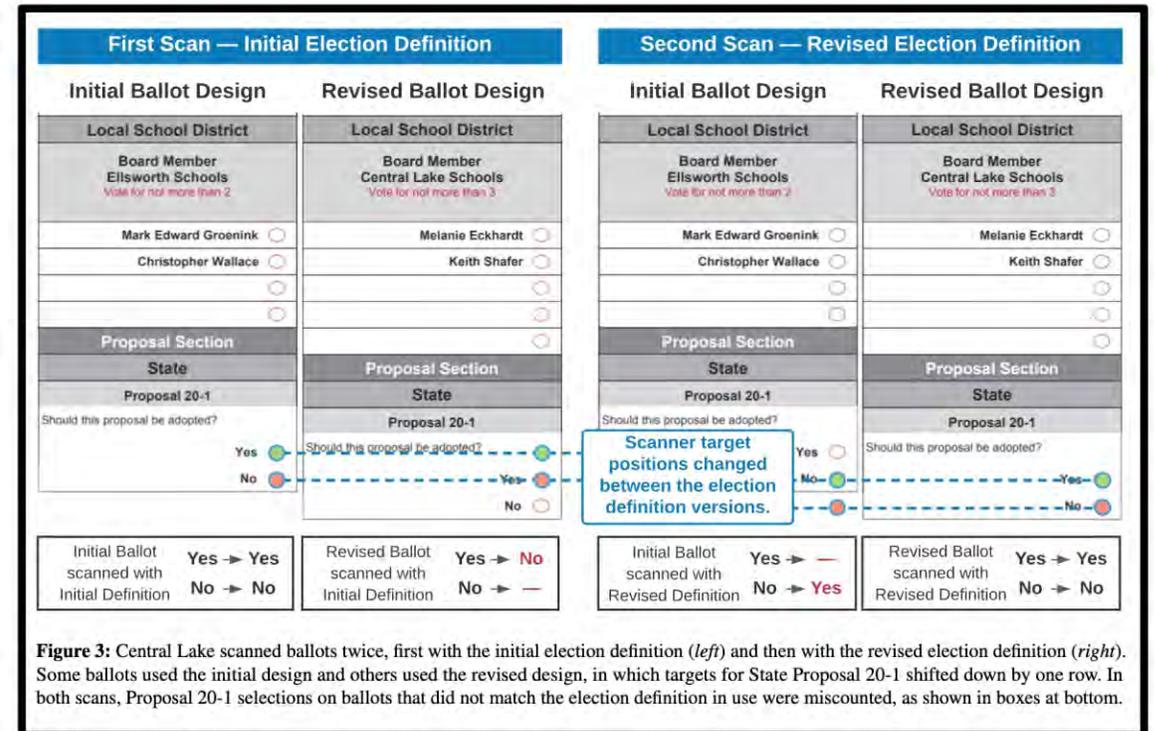


DeKalb County commission candidates, from left, Marshall Orson, Lauren Alexander and Michelle Long Spears.

By Mark Niesse
May 27, 2022

Resolving Incorrect Definition-Related Errors

- Real-World Examples
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- Source: **Universal** election definition conflict
- Behavior: **All votes** for “Alice” given to “Bob” in known polling locations using **specific ballot-styles**
- Recovery: Find all instances of affected ballots and remap votes to correct candidate



Halderman, J. Alex. "The Antrim County 2020 Election Incident: An Independent Forensic Investigation." *31st USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security 22)*. 2022.

Daunting Recovery: Confusing the Voter

Unmodified

BOARD OF EDUCATION	
Vote for not more than 2	
Booker T. Washington	✓
Albert Einstein	✓
Thomas Alva Edison	
Helen Keller	
Write-In	
Write-In	

- How many machines had the modified definition?
- How many people had the unmodified definition but *chose* to under-vote their ballot?

Modified

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Helen Keller	
Write-In	
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- How many people under-voted their ballot *only* because the ICX wouldn't allow them to pick two?
- How many people had the unmodified definition and would have *chosen* to under-vote regardless?

Daunting Recovery: Confusing the Voter

Unmodified

Proposal Section

Shall the consumption of marijuana be made illegal in state?

Yes

No

Modified

Proposal Section

Shall the consumption of marijuana be made legal in the state?

Yes

No

- How many machines had the modified definition?
- How many people answered based on the modified text?
- How many people answered based on the *expected* text?

- What ballots are associated with the correct text?
- What ballots are associated with the modified text?

Root-Cause (opinion): Insecure Architecture, Design, and Implementation

- Chose to use entirely independent elements for different contexts
 - On-screen- and print-names are different fields in different tables with different encoding
- Chose to use symmetric cryptography where need asymmetric cryptography
 - Anyone who can validate can also create
- Chose to use single set of universal and widely-spread cryptographic secrets
 - AES Key+IV

What is the solution?

NOT more computers/touchscreens.

-Hand marked ballots

(They don't hack the voter.)

-Counted by tabulator/scanner

(They could hack the vote count.)

-Audited by hand using RLA (statistical sampling)

Significant Vote Count Hacks corrected

FAYETTE COUNTY
302-Brooks

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT
OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

To Vote
1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided.

Warning
Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

Do not make a mistake or change your mind on a selection
A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spilled" across the ballot and across the return envelope.
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

If you decide to vote in person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

You are asked that you offer no acceptance of money or any other object of value in vote for any particular candidate, or of candidates, issue, or for or against issuance of any register certificate, or an actual vote, here and a felony under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §1-2-200(a), §1-2-200(b) and §1-2-200(c)).

For President of the United States (Vote for One)	SPECIAL ELECTION	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump - President (Incumbent) Republican	For United States Senate (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Jimmy Johnson, Resigned) (Vote for One)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Jason Shaw (Incumbent) Republican
<input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden - President Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Al Bantel Independent	<input type="radio"/> Robert G. Bryant Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris - Vice President Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Allen Buckley Independent	<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Walton Libertarian
<input type="radio"/> Jo Jorgensen - President Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Doug Collins Republican	<input type="radio"/> Write-In
<input type="radio"/> Jeremy "Spiker" Cohen - Vice President Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> John Fortuin Green	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Write-In	<input type="radio"/> Derrick E. Grayson Republican	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr. (Incumbent) Republican
For United States Senate (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> Michael Todd Greene Independent	<input type="radio"/> Daniel Blackman Democrat
<input checked="" type="radio"/> David A. Perdue (Incumbent) Republican	<input type="radio"/> Annetta Davis Jackson Republican	<input type="radio"/> Nathan Wilson Libertarian
<input type="radio"/> Jon Ossoff Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Deborah Jackson Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Write-In
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	<input type="radio"/> Tamara Johnson-Shealy Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Val Almonford Democrat
	<input type="radio"/> Matt Lieberman Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Write-In
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Kelly Loeffler (Incumbent) Republican	For State Senator From
	<input type="radio"/> Joy Felicia Slide	



Q&A



Continued in Session II— (VV Lab next Door)

Technical details on our hacks

Drew Springall— Presenting

Phillip Davis- Presenting

Will Whitley-Assisting

Dominion Touchscreen: Simple Hacks and Daunting Recoveries

Phillip Davis, Marilyn Marks, & Drew Springall