

SECRETARY OF STATE[721]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.4, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 22, “Voting Systems,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments are necessary to revise the configuration settings for the Unisyn OpenElect voting system which is currently certified for use in the state of Iowa. These amendments update the configuration settings based on the newest version of the certified Unisyn election management software. In addition, this rule making authorizes county commissioners who have purchased the Unisyn OpenElect voting system to use ballot alerts if the commissioners so choose and adds references to newly certified Election Systems & Software and Dominion voting systems to an existing rule. Because this is a Notice of Intended Action, this rule making will not be effective before the November 4, 2014, general election.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before October 21, 2014, by contacting Sarah Reisetter, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-0145 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building.

Requests for a public hearing must be received by October 21, 2014.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 52.5.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **22.50(2)“c”** as follows:

c. Hardened operating system. For security purposes, users of Election Systems & Software, Unity 3.4.0.1 ~~and~~, Election Systems & Software EVS 5.3.0.0, Democracy Suite 4.6 and Democracy Suite 4.14B shall harden the operating system on the computer on which the election management system is housed according to the specifications of the vendor and the recommendations of the county information technology department (if any).

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 22.264(2) as follows:

22.264(2) Configuration choices. The following selections are mandatory for all elections:

a. *Access, messaging and tabulating selections.* In the Election Manager, “Election Options” menu, the following selections shall be made:

- (1) “Allow Add Precinct” shall be checked.
- (2) “Full Voter Ballot Review” shall not be checked. The commissioner may select either “Alert Print Only” or “Alert on-screen.”
- (3) ~~“Consolidate Splits”~~ “Show Precinct Split Totals” shall not be checked.
- (4) ~~“Overvote by Voter”~~ “Overvote by Vote For” shall ~~not~~ be checked.
- (5) “No Undervote Check” shall be selected in the Undervote Checking dropdown menu.

b. *Printing selections.* In the Election Manager, “Printing Options” menu, the following ~~selection~~ selections shall be made:

- (1) “Auto Print Alerts” ~~shall not~~ may be checked.
- (2) “Voter Receipts” shall not be checked.
- (3) ~~“Display Contest Results on Summary”~~ “Show Contest Results on Election Day” shall be checked.

c. and *d.* No change.