

721—22.262(52) Premier Election Solutions’ AccuVote OS and AccuVote OSX precinct count devices.

22.262(1) Security. The commissioner shall have a written security plan for the voting system. Access to voting equipment, programs and passwords shall be limited to those persons authorized in writing by the commissioner. The security plan shall be reviewed at least annually.

a. Passwords used at polling places shall be changed for each election.

b. For each election, the precinct chairperson shall be responsible for the custody and security of the control card and ballot box keys and the security of the voting system.

22.262(2) Configuration choices. The following selections are mandatory for all elections:

a. Reject settings shall be configured as follows:

(1) Return to voters ballots that include one or more overvoted races and blank-voted ballots. Include on the override log the number of times the override option was used for overvoted and blank-voted ballots.

(2) Divert to the write-in ballot bin only ballots with write-in votes.

(3) Do not include reject settings for blank voted races, undervoted races, or duplicate votes.

b. Tally settings shall be as follows: The write-in setting shall be “Combined.”

22.262(3) Zero totals reports. Long form zero totals reports showing all counters at zero shall be printed following memory card programming, before counting ballots in the Pre-Election Mode and as the ballot reader is opened on election day.

22.262(4) Ballot printing. Although the Premier Election Solutions’ GEMS voting system software includes choices for variations in ballot layout, all ballots shall be prepared according to the requirements of Iowa Code sections 43.26 through 43.29 and 49.30 through 49.48. For all elections the voting target shall be an oval printed on the left side of each choice on the ballot.

22.262(5) Preelection testing. All voting equipment shall be tested pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 52.30 and rule 721—22.42(52). At the commissioner’s discretion, the commissioner may conduct additional tests.

22.262(6) System error messages. At the discretion of the commissioner, precinct election officials may be provided with a list of routine error messages, including messages that relate to paper jams, which do not rise to the level of voting equipment malfunctions and the appropriate responses. The officials may be instructed to contact the commissioner or the commissioner’s designee on election day for all other messages or routine errors for which appropriate responses have not been provided by the commissioner.

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