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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Grants Certification for Voting System

InkaVote Plus Approved for Use in California Elections

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today his decision to certify the InkaVote Plus voting system for use in California elections. The system met all federal and state requirements and passed a volume test, which is a first-in-the-nation test to ensure the system can perform under Election Day conditions. The InkaVote Plus voting system was discussed at a public hearing held on March 1, 2006 prior to granting certification.

"The InkaVote Plus voting system underwent rigorous scrutiny before certification, as all voting systems in California are subjected to," said Secretary McPherson. "I am proud of California's strict process, which ensures that our voting systems uphold the integrity of the vote on Election Day."

InkaVote Plus is a potential system anticipated to be utilized in Los Angeles County in 2006.

The current voting system certification process was established by Secretary McPherson shortly after taking office in 2005. The certification process requires that each voting system meet ten strict standards as conditions for use in the State's elections, including volume testing to ensure systems withstand real-world Election Day scenarios.

For more information about the InkaVote Plus certification, visit www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vs.htm.

For more information about California's certification process, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov/elections/voting_systems/ten_steps_to_vsys_certification.pdf.

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