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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Praises Court Ruling Regarding Electronic Voting Systems Case

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson issued the following statement in response to today's San Francisco County Superior Court ruling in the Holder v. McPherson case:

"I am very pleased with today's court ruling. This is a victory for the voters of California and a testament to the strictest-in-the-nation voting system certification process that I have established.

"Since coming into office, I have made it a top priority to ensure that each and every voting system certified for use in California is secure, reliable and provides as much access for voters with disabilities as possible. Each system has gone through a rigorous 3-tiered certification process that includes testing and qualification at the federal, state and local levels.

"Electronic voting systems offer the best-known solution for providing private and independent voting opportunities for voters with disabilities. Some critics who may not fully understand the extremely thorough and rigorous nature of the certification standards have questioned this process. Today's ruling by the court reinforces the strides we have made on behalf of California's voters, particularly those with disabilities, to ensure they have as much private and independent access to the voting process as possible.

"I look forward to working with our 58 county elections officials to administer another successful election this November."

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