

DIRECTIVE 2008-28

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To: ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

Re: Logic and Accuracy Testing

All county boards of elections must conduct Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing on all voting machines prior to placing the units in service for an election.

The nature of electronic voting systems (DRE and optical scan) requires that each individual machine be tested in a manner consistent with its individual ballot programming to guarantee the unit is in proper working order. L&A is an individualized test conducted by each county on each voting unit to be used in an election. L&A is conducted prior to every election to make sure every voting unit is in proper working order and accurately counting votes.

Counties shall test each voting unit and component for functionality by precinct and by ballot style. Once L&A testing is completed for an assigned precinct, machines and supplies (e.g., PCMCIA cards, encoders and supervisor and voter access cards) shall be secured for delivery to their designated polling location.

Our office plans to work with the Ohio Association of Elections Officials to develop “best practices” for L & A that are specific to the types of systems involved. As a result, a directive that is more specific on individual L&A processes will be issued after such best practices are vetted and compiled.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator, or Jacqueline Rothschuh, Assistant Elections Administrator, at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner