

"Voting system" means a method of casting and processing votes that is designed to function wholly or partly by use of mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic apparatus and includes the procedures for casting and processing votes and the programs, operating manuals, tabulating cards, printouts, and other software necessary for the system's operation.

Our county provides two ways for voters to mark their ballot:

- a. You may hand mark your optical scan ballot by using a black or blue pen or
- b. "Ballot marking device" meaning a voting system with an electronic interface that allows a voter to mark a paper ballot.

EQUIPMENT USED FOR TABULATING BALLOTS

"Automatic tabulating equipment" means equipment other than a voting machine that compiles vote totals by ballot sorting, ballot reading, ballot scanning, or electronic data processing.

1. Washington County uses the DS200 for tabulating and counting early voting in person marked ballots.
 - a. The DS200 has a "Public Counter" - a registering device that cumulatively records the number of voters casting votes on a voting machine and is constructed and installed on the machine in a way that provides an unobstructed view of the recorded number.

- b. The DS200 has a Protective Counter- a registering device that permanently records the cumulative number of times that a voting machine has been operated and is installed in the machine in a way that prevents resetting the device.
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- 2. Our County uses the DS450 in the Central Counting Station for counting and tabulating mail ballots and all ballots voted on Election Day.
 - a. The Central Counting Station consists of appointed Tabulators, Managers, and Judges.