Frequently Asked Questions - Separating Myths from Reality

Question – Why can’t my county board of elections keep using the existing lever voting machines?
Answer – In 2002 Congress passed a national wide election reform resolution – The Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Under this mandate the use of lever and punch card voting systems have been prohibited for use.

Question – I don’t know how to use a computer and other electronic devices - because of this I am afraid to try voting on the LibertyVote.
Answer – The LibertyVote™ is not a computer and does not require any computer knowledge to use. The ballot on the LibertyVote looks like the existing lever machine and functions in a very similar manner – (See reverse side for voting instruction).

Question – Can the voting machine be hacked by people who use computers?
Answer - No. The LibertyVote™ machine is a stand alone system that does not operate on the Internet and therefore cannot be accessed by hackers or anyone else on the Internet.

Question – How do I know my vote is safely and accurately stored on the LibertyVote?
Answer - The LibertyVote™ software and firmware has gone through extensive quality and security checks before it leaves the manufacturer’s premises. The machine then goes through rigorous testing by federally accredited independent test labs. After these steps occur, state and local election officials conduct their own tests to ensure the accuracy of the systems.

Question - How do I know the poll worker is ready for me to vote on the machine?
Answer – The poll worker will set the machine for voting by pressing the entrance button on what is known as the poll worker box. On this box is also where the public and protective counters are located. These counters show how many times the LibertyVote™ machine has been activated for use on Election Day (Public Counter) as well as how many times the voting machine has activated in the history of the machines use (Protective Counter).

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Polling Sites:
District 1:  MAIN ST. FIREHOUSE
District 2:  SOUTH RD. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
District 3:  NORTH ST. LIBRARY
District 4:  TOWN SENIOR CENTER
District 5:  TOWN HALL

LibertyVote Introduces
Accurate
Certified
Secure
Simple

... LibertyVote is easier than pulling the lever to cast your vote.

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Answer - The LibertyVote™ is equipped with a voter verified paper audit trail. This feature allows you to verify each selection immediately on a printed paper receipt. The paper ballot is designed to give you immediate assurance and confidence that your vote is accurately recorded. The paper receipt is stored in the voting machine in a secured locked ballot box and allows for a comprehensive audit of all transactions on the voting machine.

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LibertyVote™ is a full-face direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machine designed to replicate the existing lever machine that New York voters have long grown accustomed. Every LibertyVote™ machine also includes a voter verifiable paper audit trail. The paper ballot audit receipt is visible to only you and is designed to give the voter immediate confidence that your vote is recorded accurately and anonymously. The LibertyVote™ meets all requirements set forth by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) including the necessary functionality to accommodate voters with disabilities. In addition, the LibertyVote™ meets all New York State statute including write-in voting, cross-candidate endorsement functionality and under/over vote notification.

**Make Your Selections**

1. Press on the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. A blue light will appear within the box you selected.

2. Confirm each selection immediately after making your choice on the paper ballot and electronic display screen. You may change your selections by pressing the name of your original selection again. The blue light will go out, allowing you to make a new selection.

3. No votes are registered until you push the yellow cast vote button on the lower left side of the voting machine. Once the cast vote button has been pressed all selections that you have made on the ballot will be registered. You may part the curtains and exit the voting booth.

**It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3...**