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The Precise Voting, LLC Story

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INTERVIEWED
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ELECTION ALERT:

Straight Party Voting Trap.

You may have read about this; Here are the details and what to do about it:

A LEHTOISM - From voting rights attorney Paul Lehto: "Being at the mercy of whoever's in power is not a definition of freedom, if I may seize on the power of understatement."

PERSPECTIVE

The big "Oops" needs a new frame of reference. For example: You are counting the cash for a fund raiser. Somehow, it's discovered that \$500 didn't make it into the count and someone put it in their pocket. They say "Oops" and tell you it was a mistake. Really? Will you let them count the cash again? Probably not. Consequences! Where are they for those voting machine makers whose products did not make it last election?

THE PROBLEM: "Straight party voting" on voting machines is revealing a bad pattern of miscounting and omitting your vote, especially if you are a Democrat. Most recently (Oct. 2008), a firm called Automated Election Services was found to have mis-coded the system in heavily Democratic Santa Fe County, New Mexico such that straight party voters would not have the presidential vote counted.

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING is allowed in 15 states. Basically, it means that you can take a shortcut to actually looking at who you are voting for and instead just select a party preference. Then the voting machine makes your candidate choices, supposedly for the party you requested.

Additional details follow, but first:

PROTECT THE COUNT: Short video launches Black Box Voting "Protect the Count" project - more to come: Form a Poll Tape Posse www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3_xFb1sWKU

HOW TO PROTECT THE COUNT against Straight Party Trap:

- 1) NEVER CHOOSE THE STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE OPTION, because it alerts the computer as to your party preference and allows software code to trigger whatever function the programmer has designed.
- 2) SEND THIS INFORMATION OUT TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU CAN, blog it, root n' toot it out there to get the word out.
- 3) ESPECIALLY GET THE WORD OUT TO PEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING STATES, which have straight party voting options: Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin.
- 4) DEMAND COMPLETE AND CAREFUL TESTING OF THE STRAIGHT PARTY OPTION IN LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTS.
- 5) LOOK FOR UNDERVOTES (high profile races with lower-than-average number of votes cast) and flag them, post them, bring them to the attention of others for additional scrutiny.

Voting machine miscounts of straight party votes were proven by California researcher Judy Alter in the 2004 New Mexico presidential election; in Alabama Democrat straight party votes were caught going to a Republican, and Wisconsin a whole slew of straight party votes disappeared altogether. Both DRE and optical scan machines are vulnerable. Private contractors are involved; private firms like LHS Associates, Automated Election Services.

Details, links to documents, news stories, more specifics here: www.bbvforums.org/forums/messages/1954/78367.html

Get involved in your state.

After you read Myth Breakers, read why VVPB is not enough, information on ballot programming concerns, machine malfunctions sorted by vendor, and more ... Join the voting-integrity group in your state and work together to ensure safe elections. If there is no local group near you, form one. Learn by doing. www.votersunite.org/MB2.pdf

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VotRite continues to update current voting methods, and develop procedures, equipment, and software to take advantage of new technology. FotRite has designed and developed hardware and software solutions to ensure security, accuracy, and efficiency of every ballot.

Authentication is an important part of the voting process, both for the voting system authenticating the human as a legitimate voter without sacrificing secret balloting, and for the voter authenticating the voting mechanism.

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VotRite has entered into an agreement with The UPS Stores, who will warehouse and distribute the machines throughout the United States. This will eliminate wear and tear on the product. In addition the product will be readily available to you in your area at reduced freight costs.

VotRite equipment moves quickly these days, sometimes we can even get it to you within the hour by United Parcel Service, also giving you the option to pick it up at the local UPS Store.

The UPS Store 

Cover Story: Precise Voting, LLC— No Emotion, Just Devotion



Managing Partner, Jim Kapsis interviewed regarding this small company's determination for big success:

This fast-paced race to be top for

Electronic Voting Machine Companies has many of these competitors overwhelmed-but not this one. This small yet blossoming company has no problem keeping up with any curve ball thrown at them by the Federal Government concerning requirements for certification and production. In fact, starting in 2006, Precise Voting LLC has managed to tackle requirement obstacles- many of which had already been met, while continuing to develop countless improvements that will be beneficial to the public in more ways than expected.

Initially, the company's focus was in developing the new Dual Screen Direct Reporting Election (DRE) voting machine as well as Optical Scanning (OS) options for the general public. Having these two distinct applications in one machine establish PV as the only hybrid system in existence with options to offer the voters a choice in voting.

"None of our direct competitors provide the customization of these voting availabilities" Kapsis noted.

Aimed at providing a complete package to the voter and voter's representatives with ultimate security and quality, Precise Voting offers instructional display stations (video), disability enhancement tools, and optional voting models. In addition, all of these machines are powered by Windows Embedded and VotRite proprietary software for added security.

*In our democracy, every vote has power...
Never forget that power is yours.
"Let's make sure that this time, every vote is counted."*

Kapsis explains that, "most of the equipment out there is obsolete, even by major manufacturers; part of the problem is that most of the machines use readily available software techniques, which are hackable. Our machines use proprietary software, which is secure."

Kapsis explained that "our software is state of the art, and allows the voters options that are unique to conventional voting".

Most importantly, Precise has developed a patent pending application for a verified printed ballot trail secured by redundancy and a secured ballot box.

As further improvements were made, a second model was developed, this time, centering around the single screen version of the dual screen. Precise voting welcomed another achievement accessible to all private and public. Precise Voting welcomes another achievement; "accessibility for all voting populations," Kapsis exclaimed, " we will continue to seek and aggressively pursue new upgrades for the voting populous." As one can conclude, this small company has got a lot of heart, ready to perform in any match... Watch out fellow competitors- the gloves are staying on, and their record seems to indicate that they've been putting up an awfully good fight.

The development of their trademark Advanced Election Voting System (AEVS) has insured the proper election management system which can focus on the municipalities in every county in America.

The on-going internal certification programs being developed to comply with the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) 2005 VVSG standards is almost completed.

The unique agreement with The UPS Stores throughout the United States, recently allowed for Precise to proceed with its marketing and sales objectives primarily focusing on private rentals throughout the nation through its client VotRite. LLC.

LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF STATE: CLAIMS ONE MILLION VOTERS DEPRIVED OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT.

Lawsuit seeks injunctive relief from State Supreme Court - This morning, four Washington voters and a local political party sued Washington's chief elections officer, seeking to prohibit placement of unique bar code identifiers on ballots. The suit alleges that actions of Secretary of State Sam Reed required approximately one million voters to vote on ballots that contained unique bar code identifiers, in violation of the State Constitution's guarantee of "absolute secrecy" of the ballot and statutes requiring uniform ballots within a precinct. The suit also claims that Reed has encouraged and subsidized an uncertified ballot tracking "audit" system that links the ballot identifiers to voters' identities, further undermining ballot secrecy by potentially permitting vendors and officials to inspect how a citizen voted. Information about the case, including a list of Washington counties employing the challenged procedures, can be found at smithandlowney.com/secretballot.

Removing the Framework for Democratic Elections

Like rats following the piper, most mainstream press articles write glowingly over this new concept, as if it were a foregone conclusion that all of America will vote this way soon. By the way, the "foregone conclusion" method can be found in propaganda manuals. Don't believe it and do not tolerate it. Write letters to the editor and bring your backbone to public meetings if you see this thing coming near you.

The genius of democracy is dispersal of power. Consolidation of control under the EAC and secret, centralized counting under an Internet voting system combine to remove the framework for democratic elections.

While reading the Bradblog article, take note of how DeGregorio guts, propagandizes, and makes meaningless the term "transparency." This should serve as a reminder to ask for what we really want: Counting votes in public, with public controls in place.

(And did Hawaii's Internet voting even work?)

www.bbvforums.org/forums

Over 86 Percent Chose Not to E-Vote

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Beware of vendors bearing spin. Only 6.3 percent of Hawaii's eligible voters cast votes on the new Internet-or-phone voting system (as compared with 28 percent in a similar election previously). This was a record low turnout. And the vendor says: "Our systems aren't really about turnout. They're more about accessibility to participation."

Uh, that's right: These new Internet voting systems are about "accessibility to participate", rather than participation.

Beware of public officials and news articles spouting the company line. The election commission (and reporters) leap off the democracy boat altogether with this statement:

"The technology side, it works."

My self-cleaning oven works too, but it's not a democracy. For democratic elections to work, you need public controls, you can't count votes in secret, and you need participation. And on these three measures, the Internet-or-telephone voting system fails.

Mainstream news article about Hawaii's pretend-democracy Internet voting system:

The Associated Press - May 27, 2009,
by Herbert A. Sample

Not Every Voting Machine Manufacturer Invited. Why?

The New York State Board of Elections has proposed a "pilot program" allowing county Boards to use new voting systems even though they have not yet completed or passed New York State certification testing. Under the proposed plan 45 counties - with over 900,000 registered voters - will use the systems in the 2009 primary and general elections; 18 will use the uncertified systems countywide.

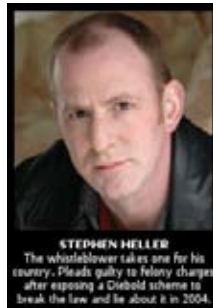
But the goal of a true software pilot project is to test whether the system is working as it was designed under limited conditions. The value of a pilot program comes from lessons learned prior to the eventual full roll out of a new system. But the plan proposed for these 18 counties provides no indication that information gained from the pilot will be used in a meaningful way.

"Pilot project" is a misnomer. This project proposes to use nearly a million New York voters as guinea pigs.

Equally disturbing, the plan for the "pilot" and for full deployment of new optical scanners in 2010 is dependent on historically undependable vendors and proper functioning of their historically defective equipment.

State Voting Integrity Group

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STEPHEN HELLER
The whistleblower takes one for his country. Pleads guilty to felony charges after exposing a Diebold scheme to break the law and lie about it in 2004.

Tell the Truth and Go to Jail

Stephen Heller, the Los Angeles whistleblower who turned over documents from Diebold's attorney, Jones Day, in 2004 showing the Voting Machine Company had illegally installed uncertified hardware and software in California --- and was preparing to lie about it --- has pled guilty, according to a statement from the LA County District Attorney's office. In an email from Heller, he tells us that he and his wife "are very happy it is over." Heller, whose story was published by *Hustler* some months ago, was a temporary worker at the voting machine company law firm when he stumbled across the troubling documents.

At the time, we quoted Michael Kohn, general counsel for the National Whistleblower Center, as saying, "This is a very rare instance. In fact, the only one of which I'm aware, in which a whistleblower has been charged with a felony. I find it outrageous."

Outrageous indeed --- especially considering Diebold voting systems were decertified by the state when it was found the company was attempting to game the certification process, shortly after Heller shared the documents with the *Oakland Tribune* and election watchdog BlackBoxVoting.org.

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