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May 2nd Primary Election: You Helped to Successfully Launch Electronic Poll Books!
The Franklin County Board of Elections (BOE) successfully deployed Electronic Poll Books (EPB’s) countywide during the 2017 May Primary Election, and many of you helped to make that happen! Although EPB’s were previously used to confirm ballot styles at the Paper Ballot table, May 2nd was the first time that Roster Judges used them to check voters in at the Roster Table. We’ve already seen tremendous benefits from using Electronic Poll Books in just one election, and our staff continues to meet with our EPB vendor to discuss ways to improve their function and program design.

A Message To You From KNOWiNK’s Chief Executive Officer
Franklin County chose KNOWiNK as our EPB vendor and we’ve enjoyed a productive partnership with the company’s staff. Following is a message from the company’s CEO:
“Franklin County’s first attempt at a countywide electronic poll book (Poll Pad) deployment was a huge success! The key to this success and the credit should go to all the PEO’s that were out there on the frontlines. We hope that the Poll Pad has made your day not only easier but simpler. As a former election director, I know firsthand that being a poll worker is a thankless job, and I would like to say on behalf of the Staff at KNOWiNK, ‘thank you for your service.’ We look forward to our next election.”
Scott Leiendecker, CEO
KNOWiNK

GOOD TO KNOW
• If you encounter a problem with an Electronic Poll Book Printer, a pad of ATV slips is provided in the VLM supplies that can be used to manually record voter information until the problem is fixed. That way you won’t need to use the supplies provided in the BUMPer packet, and it can remain sealed.
• Brush up on your Morse Code and decipher the important message hidden throughout the newsletter. The answer is on page 2. Have fun!

As a veteran EPB user, your Electronic Poll Book was used to verify that the correct paper ballot had been selected for each Provisional Voter by using the “Find A Precinct” function under MENU.

The Board of Elections has begun the search for a voting system to replace the current iVotronic DRE Voting Machines. Five vendors were invited to showcase their systems to the BOE shortly after the May Primary. Stay tuned for updates!

As mentioned above, KNOWiNK representatives were on-site to discuss modifying the EPB program so that it would flag an expired driver’s license, and process a voter with a hyphenated name in our voter records.
In an effort to eliminate potential voter “bottlenecks” in a Voting Location, the concept of cross-training Precinct Election Officials was developed in anticipation of Electronic Poll Books being introduced in the 2017 May Primary.

Roster Judges soon realized during training that the voter check-in process is much quicker when using the Electronic Poll Books, which increases the chances that more voters will be waiting in line to vote on the voting machines. Cross-training gives Voting Location Managers the ability to temporarily move PEO’s to a different position, and assist voters in an area where a backup has occurred.

As preparations were being made for the May Primary, the following cross-trained positions were created:

- **Machine Judge Captain:** PEO was trained on all of the duties of the Machine Judge (opening, closing, processing voters, etc.). They also learned how to process a regular voter who presented a photo ID on the Electronic Poll Book. Voting Location Managers could move Machine Judge Captains to the Roster Table if needed.

- **Roster Judge Captain:** PEO is essentially the opposite of the Machine Judge Captain. A Roster Judge Captain is responsible for setting up, opening, closing, packing up, and processing voters on the Electronic Poll Book, while learning how to vote voters on the Voting Machine. VLM’s could temporarily assign a Roster Judge Captain to the Voting Machines whenever a line formed.

The majority of procedures that PEO’s must follow are established in Ohio’s Revised Code (ORC). Here are a few that raise the most questions:

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When an elector appears in a polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the <PEO’s> the elector’s full name and current address and provide proof of the elector’s identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections under section 3503.19 of the Revised Code, that shows the name and current address of the elector.

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During the audit process, boards are required to perform a review of three different contests, which must include the “top of the ticket” contest (President or Governor), one other statewide contest selected by the Secretary of State’s Office after Election Day and at least one local contest chosen by each county board of elections. This year, in addition to their chosen local contest, boards were required to audit the race for President of the United States and for the Ohio Supreme Court, Full Term Commencing on January 2, 2017.

In 66 Ohio counties, the audit of the Presidential Race returned a perfect, 100 percent accuracy rating. Sixty-eight counties showed a perfect audit in the race for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and 66 counties achieved a perfect audit of their local contest.

Statewide, only 22 discrepancies were noted in the presidential tally during the audit process. Most discrepancies were caused by voters not properly marking paper ballots according to the instructions, causing the machines to be unable to read the vote. In the case of every error, boards have been instructed to modify their official results to reflect the change.

** dictionary of terms**

1). **BUMPer Packet**

   a) Information used by the Paper Ballot Judge to help determine correct ballot styles and precinct identifiers
   b) A packet of Paper Backup Supplies that needs to be opened and used as soon as the polls open
   c) A resource guide that is handed out to Precinct Election Officials after every training class
   d) A packet of Paper Backup Supplies that is only opened if instructed to do so by the Board of Elections

2). **Electronic Poll Book Security Record:**

   a) The sheet used to record the numbers on the Electronic Poll Books’ security lock ties
   b) One of the forms found in the Precinct Workbook
   c) A report given to those who question voter security of the Electronic Poll Books
   d) A log of public concerns over Electronic Poll Book security that is kept by the Board of Elections

**KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?**

Have them call us at 614/525-5393 or go online at http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/precinct-official/