**Bucks County voters have been living with a big problem. Learn about it here, what’s being done to address it, and how you can help!**

**THE PROBLEM: OUR CURRENT VOTING SYSTEM IS INHERENTLY FLAWED**

Did you know that the DRE (Direct Record Electronic) voting system we’ve been using has fatal problems?

1. **IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE ACCURATE OR SECURE**:

Any claims that election results are accurate or secure cannot be proven because there is no outside physical check against the computer-generated data. Electronic voting machines can malfunction, or their software mistakenly or intentionally produces incorrect election results. Hackers can change votes, even if it is not connected to the internet.

1. **NO RECOUNTS OR AUDITS ARE POSSIBLE:**

These DREs have no hard copies of the voter’s choices to count. Simply regurgitating the computer totals, which were generated by the computer itself and no guarantee they are the voter’s choices, is not an audit or recount.

**THE SOLUTION: A VOTER-MARKED, PAPER BALLOT VOTING SYSTEM**

1. **PAPER PROVIDES A PERMANENT RECORD OF EACH VOTE**.

Each voter can mark his/her votes on a paper ballot. This provides a permanent physical record of the votes, which is needed to audit the results of every election and allows recounts to be conducted.

1. **A DIGITAL SCAN SYSTEM ALLOWS A DOUBLE-CHECK AGAINST THE PAPER BALLOTS.**

Each voter slides this paper ballot through a scanner, which reads, records digital image, and tallies the election results. The ballot drops into locked ballot box and is saved for audits and recounts.

1. **RISK –LIMITING AUDITS CONFER A LARGE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN ELECTION OUTCOMES**.

Election officials will then conduct a risk-limiting audit (RLA), which provides assurance that the election outcomes are correct by manually counting a statistically relevant portion of the paper ballots and comparing them to the digital vote totals.

**GOOD NEWS! The PA Department of State recently mandated that all counties MUST upgrade their voting systems to voter-marked, paper based systems.**

**However, that mandate requires that new systems must be chosen by the end of 2019, but we need to push to have something in place sooner than that. There is no excuse for our commissioners to dawdle getting a more secure system ASAP considering the threats to our elections today. To learn more about the challenges and how you can help, please**

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