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Message

Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 02:26 pm:

Top secret documents obtained by **Black Box Voting** -- As state has passed cookie-cutter mail-in voting legislation, he flying under the radar: Diebold's new **Vote Remote Suite**.

As we add more to this, you'll see that components of Vote already in use, as shown by accounting entries with comple VoteRemote services.

Most of the VoteRemote technology has been around for 40 mail processing automation, like envelope stuffing and bar new for elections is Diebold's automation of signature comp

Note that the VoteRemote suite interacts with the Voter Re database, which happens to have party affiliation, and that selectively set the tolerance for signature comparison to re or hardly any voters.

More on Vote Remote in future reports. Here is an introduc technology:

<http://www.bbvdcs.org/diebold/voteremote.pdf>

A little mystery: Who certified THIS? (And when?)

Note: If you experience problems loading these documents, first try again, because we adjusted the links. If that doesn't work, go here: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> and do a fr

Adobe Acrobat reader.



Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 02:53 pm:

johngideon

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Answer to the mystery: There is no qualification required. If qualification is federal; certification is state.

The federal voting systems standards only refer to voting systems. VoteRemote does not count, tally, or report votes and it does not define the ballots. It is not a voting system so it does not require qualification. See the 2002 Voting Systems Standards Volume

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Bingo. You win the cookie.

We are charging ahead willy-nilly with idiotic ideas before we consider the attack vectors, much less regulations or procedures to mitigate them.

The fact that they don't have to certify it is a problem!



Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 06:08 pm:

johngideon

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It should also be noted that VoteHere has a program like DVote by-mail.

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Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 06:17 pm:

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So does Electus (Saber Consulting). However, Diebold's different two programs.

The typical method is to place the signatures side by side on a screen for human verification. What Diebold does is provide a system -- were it not for security issues, sort of a wonderful

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Picture this:

DIMS Voter Registration

GEMS Election Management System

Diebold Vote Remote (for absentee)

This system has a variable-setting automated signature capture and export feature to go back into the voter registration system exported? They don't say.

Diebold high speed central count op-scan (for absentee)

Which feeds back into GEMS

Add to that, for polling place voting, the Diebold electronic Diebold votercard encoder, the Diebold data transfer system memory cards.

Then add at least nine customized drivers in the Windows (touch-screen, an interpreter in the precinct-based optical system which some documents indicate can pass variable data, and a measure put in a dollop of wireless.

And for that final, finishing touch: The new Diebold Online system which puts all your county data, files, etc onto a Diebold server.

Attack city.



ubetchaiam

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Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 07:14 pm:

John, thanks for answering the question I had when I got the question: what is 'DIMS Voter Registration'?

Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 07:29 pm:

DIMS Voter Registration is the Diebold voter registration program from Global Election Systems, it was an acquisition. It is a company from Granite Bay, California, I think.

DIMS had many issues in Nov. 2004 -- in Cuyahoga County that purging of the database was done manually and some of the data was lost. The DIMS program is "unforgiving" explained one of the officials. I am not sure what that means, but I do know that people who had

years ago were still on the rolls, and people who had just v months ago were purged.

Some very good work on DIMS was done by Dr. Victoria Lc <http://www.ohiovigilance.org> (.com?) -- I'm pretty sure sh there.

-- Bev



Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 07:32 pm:

ubetchaiam

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Registered: 06-2005

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Also, can someone confirm or show me where I misunderst Election Code regarding Absentee ballots and signature ver reading through it, it seems contradictory and also seems t just what to do with no specification of 'how to do'.
15101.

(a) Any jurisdiction in which absentee ballots are cast may absentee ballot return envelopes beginning 29 days before Processing absentee ballot return envelopes may (?????????) verifying the voter's signature on the absentee ballot return updating voter history records.

(b) Any jurisdiction having the necessary computer capabili process absentee ballots on the seventh day prior to the el Processing absentee ballots includes opening absentee ball envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ball preparing the ballots to be machine read, or machine readi under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or r p.m. on the day of the election.

15104. (a) The processing of absentee ballot return envelo processing and counting of absentee ballots shall be open t both prior to and after the election.

(d) Absentee voter observers shall be allowed sufficiently c enable them to observe and challenge whether those indivi absentee ballots are following established procedures, inclu following:

(1) Verifying signatures and addresses by comparing them registration information.

15109. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the cc canvassing of absentee ballots shall be conducted in the sa under the same regulations as used for ballots cast in a pre place.



Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 07:44 pm:

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Yes, the verification part does sound contradictory. Note al they can "process" ballots -- ie. run them through the scan count the ballots. In other words, they are not allowed to r

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of reports. This came into issue when a San Luis Obispo vo up on the Internet 5 hours before the polls closed, and the absentee ballots and they didn't know how it got there. (http://www.blackboxvoting.org/bbv_chapter-13.pdf)

One thing very unclear in Washington, and you might want California given this lovely new technology, which allows sc knows what -- to be exported from the envelope scanning , voter registration database -- here, the law is a little murky local jurisdictions have to keep the paper voter registration electronic signature files to the secretary of state.

I'm sure John or Linda Franz will know more about that tha

Bev



Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 08:44 pm:

<http://ohiovigilance.org/Counties/Cuyahoga/Analysis/CuyP>

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The Lovegren report is here.

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Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 08:49 pm:

kathleen_wynne

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Thanks, John.

Dr. Lovegren is a personal friend, I've known for 30 years. pleased to know that her report is being acknowledged by y

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Registered: 12-2004

Rating: N/A
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Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 09:18 pm:

ubetchaiam

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Thanks Bev. The more I read the CA Election Code, the mo has been either neglected or is just poorly written. And the link to the San Luis Obispo will be helpful and well reference.

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Registered: 06-2005

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Posted on Monday, July 25, 2005 - 10:00 pm:

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Registered: 12-2004

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ubetchaiam wrote:

...

*(d) Absentee voter observers shall be allowed sufficiently c
enable them to observe and challenge whether those indivi
absentee ballots are following established procedures, inclu
following:*

*(1) Verifying signatures and addresses by comparing them
registration information.*

It seems to me that the D-bold automatic signature verifica
would not be able to be used in CA, especially if there are a
watching the process. They would need to be able see both
envelope and the file copy versions.

Peace!
JimZ

The people who cast the votes decide nothing.
The people who count the votes decide everything.



Posted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 - 07:07 am:

admin

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Post Number: 971
Registered: 12-2004

Rating: N/A
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Posted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 - 08:41 am:

catherine_a

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Post Number: 460

John,

Thanks for that link to the Lovegren report. Very interesting

It seems amazing that a database could be constructed so
extract data from just 2 fields would be so impossibly diffic

Registered: 12-2004

Rating: N/A

Votes: 0 ([Vote!](#))

It seems to me that entries/changes to voter registration should be logged as being done by a certain staff member, at a certain time. This is probably done in banks, isn't it? What's it like in registration offices--who can access the system, does anyone know? Is there any way to trace back who did what to the electors? The banking industry must have huge experience with this, and Diebold does ATMs one can assume they'd be very familiar with. It should be possible to create a trail. At least with voter registration, since it's not a secret, it should be possible to make it all traceable.

Also, it seems strange that in this day and age a database would give an error message if a required field wasn't completed (e.g., name). Why on earth would it put in a default value? That possibility doesn't exist. I'd think a good database would strive to eliminate all errors.

Also, why does anyone have to register party affiliation (or even to register to vote? This should be between the voter and the party. If there's a primary election, then the parties would have some way to define who their eligible members are (e.g., party members). It's a big joke the way the primaries are done, not being able to vote in one primary regardless of whether or not you're a member of that party, or regardless of their bona fides. If that's the case, the structures in the USA must be so big & bloated that they just want the maximum names, and don't care about more than that.

In any case, party registration should never be included on voter registration records.

(Message edited by catherine_a on July 26, 2005)

Posted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 - 09:54 am:



ubetchaiam

BBV Citizen

Watchdog

Username:

ubetchaiam

Would you review -or allow me to- the 'billings' so that ALL could be definitively ascertained? Thanks.

We've been considering how to handle this. I think it might be worth reviewing public records requests first, to see if the billings match the

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Registered: 06-2005

Rating: N/A

Votes: 0 ([Vote!](#))

This will require a little more time. We are assembling the documents, and there are many copies. Some are spreadsheets, some are projections on spreadsheets. Some of the documents were in poor condition when we received them, and had to be dried out.

Some are duplicates, but we have to be very careful, we're because some are not quite exact matches -- as you can see

balance sheets in the money trail archive.

It would be helpful, as kind of a team effort, if some of you can do public records requests for all billings that relate to

If you need help with this, please e-mail me privately. I thi very interesting to compare the documents retrieved from public records on Vote Remote billings.

-- Bev



Posted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 - 03:19 pm:

ne0shell

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There are many "high tech" ways to handle this, encrypted signatures etc to provide verification of each voters identity tech seems to help in the fraud.

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Posted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 - 03:39 pm:

admin

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Hi, Ne0shell -- can you explain more about how the PGP w to signature capture and recognition?

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As everyone knows, I am not a computer expert. But logic integrity of the capture software that converts the signatur is very important. What they are using is TIFF files. They a customized software to capture and compare them.

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If you can give me a schematic of how the PGP would be a would be appreciated!

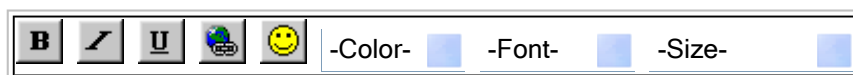
And welcome to Black Box Voting!

(P.S. to ubetchaim, please look inside your post for a reply.

Bev Harris

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