



Voting Equipment Procurement Update

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Replacement Timeline



- March – Board Direction to move forward with cost-share agreements
- April – Began working with County IT, Finance/Contracts on RFP and vendor requirements
- May – Released RFP
- June – Five vendors submitted proposals
- August – Four vendors conducted demonstrations (all currently certified in MN)

Demonstrations



- Clerks from every large city participated
- Dozens of municipal clerks, deputies, election judges
- Members of the disability community and voters who were blind and/or hard of hearing



Equipment Certification Process



- State determines time, place, and manner of elections (in US Constitution)
- State law (M.S. § 206.57) requires an electronic voting system to be certified by the Secretary of State and tested by an accredited testing authority or tested by a federal agency (i.e. the EAC)



Election Administration



- Elections are run by local clerks (cities, townships, school districts)
- All voting on paper ballots
- Publicly test every ballot, every contest, every candidate before every election
- Post-election review after every general election
- These certified and tested pieces of equipment are proven to be faster, more accurate, and less costly than hand counting

Absentee Voting



- In place since Civil War
- Essential for:
 - military service members
 - voters with health/ mobility considerations, limited transportation
 - students, those away from home
 - shift workers, caregivers, and more
- Over 130,000 voters in Dakota cast their ballot before election day in 2024

Nov 2025 Elections



School District	Cities and Townships included in(in whole or part)	Type of Election
ISD 192 - Farmington Area Public Schools	Empire, Farmington, Lakeville, and townships of Castle Rock, Eureka, Hampton, and Vermillion	Special Election for Referendum
ISD 194 - Lakeville Area Schools	Burnsville, Eureka Twp, Lakeville	Special Election for Referendum, Special Election for Board Member
ISD 196 - Rosemount/ Apple Valley/ Eagan	Apple Valley, Burnsville, Coates, Eagan, Empire, Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Rosemount, Vermillion Twp	Regular General Election, Special Election for Board Member, Special Election for Referendum
ISD 200 – Hastings Public Schools	Hastings, Hampton, Miesville, New Trier, Rosemount, Vermillion, and townships of Douglas, Hampton, Marshan, Nininger, Ravenna, Vermillion	Special Election for Board Member
ISD 252 – Cannon Falls Area Schools	Townships of Douglas and Randolph	Special Election for Referendum

Election Calendar



- Absentee voting begins Sept 19
 - Hastings/ADC
 - Western/WSC
 - All School District Offices
- Find your polling place, look up your sample ballot and more at [MNVotes.gov](https://mnvotes.gov)



Any questions?