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**New Electronic Voter Check-in System Coming to Kansas City**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 5, 2013)** – The Kansas City Election Board (KCEB) will introduce electronic poll rosters to area voters at the April 2 election. The new voter check-in system utilizes tablet-style computers that upload a voter’s name and registration information within a matter of seconds.

More than 30 Missouri state election authorities are now using electronic poll rosters and nationwide, thousands of election agencies have switched from paper-based voter lists in the past five years. Electronic poll rosters have proven to reduce: lines and wait times, the amount of time to verify a voter, errors; and provide a more efficient and accelerated voting process.

“We are constantly researching ways to serve voters better and to improve their voting experience,” stated Shelley McThomas, KCEB Democratic Director. “With the introduction of electronic poll rosters, Kansas City should see shorter wait times and faster voter verification. Over time they will prove to be a cost savings as well.”

KCEB purchased its first order, 150 e-poll books, from St. Louis-based Election Administrators, LCC (EA) a mobile election technology company. The tablet runs on an Android operating system utilizing the ASUS TF700 model. A quick scan of a voter’s identification card or driver’s license immediately pulls up the voter record.

“The security and safety features built into the system will correctly identify voters and ensure that they vote in their proper jurisdiction,” stated Shawn Kieffer, KCEB Republican Director.

The electronic poll rosters provide polling locations with an electronic list of registered voters, replacing the large poll register books containing lists of voters' names. With this new electronic device, identification can be used to find the voter in a matter of seconds. KCEB trial tested electronic poll rosters at select polling locations in its August and November 2011 elections.

“The entire staff is excited about bringing this new technology to voters in Kansas City,” stated Ernie McClellan, KCEB Training Manager. “The EA Tablet will help our election workers provide more efficient service on Election Day. We will spend 2013 ensuring poll workers are well trained and comfortable with the technology.”

Poll worker training sessions on the new equipment run through March 30. Demonstrations are available to the press and public upon request.

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