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## Secretary of State Announces One-time Program to Help Municipalities Purchase New Electronic Ballot Counting Devices

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**CONCORD, NH (June 24, 2024):** On September 15, 2023, the Ballot Law Commission conditionally approved the VotingWorks and Dominion Voting Systems electronic ballot counting devices to replace the legacy AccuVote machines, effective March 1, 2024. As of now, VotingWorks has met the conditions, and their devices are being placed in service. Dominion expects to receive approval later this year.

To assist cities and towns with the replacement of existing AccuVote machines, the Secretary of State's Office is announcing a one-time program, available through June 30, 2026, to help municipalities purchase either new electronic ballot counting devices or electronic poll (e-poll) books.

This program will be funded by federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds that the state has received. Municipalities will receive \$3,500 per ballot counting device to replace any AccuVote machines currently in use for state and federal elections. HAVA funds may be used to help improve the election process. Towns that currently hand count ballots are eligible to receive funding for one machine.

At a town or city's discretion, the funds allocated above may be used to purchase e-poll books instead.

The Secretary of State's Office will pay the vendor directly for the portion of the cost of the ballot counting devices covered by HAVA funds. Towns and cities will be responsible for maintaining an inventory of equipment per the federal requirements under [§ 200.313](#).

The vendors will be provided with a list of AccuVote machines currently in use by each municipality. The vendors will automatically bill the Secretary of State's Office for its share of funding for ballot counting devices or e-poll books and bill the municipality for the balance.

"After working closely with the Ballot Law Commission to find the best replacements for the AccuVote ballot counting device, the Secretary of State's Office is pleased to provide municipalities with assistance to purchase these new devices," said Secretary of State David Scanlan. "Local election officials work tirelessly to ensure our elections are transparent, and our office is confident this program will further assist them in their vital work."

“The work done by the Secretary of State and local election officials ensures that New Hampshire’s election results are always on-time and accurate,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “These resources provided by the Secretary of State’s Office to municipalities will provide further needed financial assistance and help New Hampshire have the tools to continue setting the gold standard with fair, transparent, and trustworthy elections.”

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