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CHAPTER 820-2-11  
ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

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820-2-11-.01 Certification Of Electronic Poll Books.

(1) To be certified for use, an electronic poll book shall do all of the following:

(a) Be secure.

(b) Be compatible with the statewide voter registration system.

(c) Include a failsafe data recovery procedure for information included in the electronic poll book.

(d) Contain the same information as the printed lists provided for in Section 11-46-36 and any local law governing a municipal election and in Section 17-4-2 and the poll lists provided for in Section 11-46-50 and any local law governing a municipal election and in Sections 17-9-11 and 17-13-7.

(e) Indicate whether the voter applied for an absentee ballot and the registration status of the voter in the statewide voter registration list.

(f) Provide an electronic process to check in a voter on election day that incorporates the signature requirements set forth in Section 11-46-50 and any local law governing a municipal election and in Section 17-9-11; provided that this process may not be used for checking in a voter who is required to cast a provisional ballot as provided for in Chapter 10 of this title, or whose name is not contained in the electronic poll book as an eligible voter for the precinct.

(g) Provide functionality for quickly and accurately uploading voter history into the statewide voter registration list in accordance with Section 17-4-33.

(h) Provide for the retention of the voter data contained in the electronic poll book for the applicable retention period applicable to the records of election, which may be accomplished by archiving the data in electronic format on an external data storage device.

(i) When used in a primary election or primary runoff election, provide for the recording and subsequent printing or exporting of electronic data of names and electronic signatures of the voters participating in the primary election or primary runoff election of each political party.

(j) Provide for the retention of the voter's party preference in a primary election for the runoff election.

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#### **820-2-11-.02 County Reimbursement.**

(1) As Electronic Poll Books can be utilized in lieu of the printed poll list, Electronic Poll Books are equipment necessary for election officials to conduct elections as required by law.

(2) Due to their usage in multiple elections including federal, state, and county, collectively and/or separately, counties which utilize Electronic Poll Books in lieu of the printed poll list shall be reimbursed fifty (50) percent of their expense by the State of Alabama only for elections eligible for reimbursement by the State of Alabama.

(3) Only Electronic Poll Books certified by the Secretary of State shall be eligible for reimbursement.

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