



Election Commissioners Report

New York Is Sued by U.S. Department of Justice on Delay of Vote Systems

On March 1st The Justice Department sued the New York State Board of Elections for failing to modernize its election system and replace its aging voting machines. It is the first lawsuit the federal government has filed to force a state to comply with the voting guidelines.

The lawsuit calls on the court to give the state 30 days to develop a plan for fully complying with the law in time for the fall elections.

The New York State Board of Elections is designing a "Plan B," which would allow the old mechanical voting machines to be used again this fall, while making options available for disabled voters at each polling site. The alternatives could involve machines that would print ballots, which could then be marked, and a system for disabled people to cast votes by phone. The system for Oswego County would tentatively cost between \$140,000 to as high as \$175,000.00 for a one time use in this year.

Commissioners Attend State Special Meeting on Voting Machine Implementation

The New York State Board of Elections held a special meeting on March 2 to update regional chairs and other commissioners on the pending voting system draft regulations, the federal law suit, and the possible use of an alternate voting system for 2006.

Both commissioners were invited to attend the meeting and much new and important information was presented with the commissioners invited to provide local insight to the proposed plans.

Information Requests

Districts	8
Green Cards	2
Party Change	4
Registration	4
Financial	12
Political Calendar	3
Absentee	10
Elections Results	1
Print-Outs/Labels	6
Election Law	7
Military Requests	2
HAVA/Other	30
Total	89

Mail Activity

Acknowledgment	1,912
Abs Ballot App	1
Cancellation	41
Confirmation	1,033
Prev Juris Ltr	72
Rejection	1
Transfer	1,666
DMV Match	23
<small>* New HAVA Requirement</small>	
Total	4,749
Average per clerk	1187.25

Performance Statistics

New Registrations	141
Duplicate	92
Incomplete	0
Name Change	39
HAVA Mail	0
Other (file updates)	2,297
Party Changes	1
Address Changes	246
Total	2,816
Average per Clerk	704