



Hart InterCivic

Voting Systems That Work

About Hart InterCivic

For nearly a century, Hart InterCivic has worked with local governments to provide elections solutions. Hart offers complete, fully integrated voting systems, ranging from traditional paper-based balloting systems to direct recording electronic (DRE) voting units, as well as precinct-based scanners. Hart has been at the forefront of electronic voting since 1999, anticipating the need for voting system changes well in advance of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). In addition, the Hart Voting System is federally certified.

Hart produces two major precinct-based elections products: the eSlate® DRE voting unit and eScan™ precinct-based, digital scanner. With both eSlate and eScan, voters have the opportunity to review and change or correct their ballots before they are cast and counted. Security and quality are of paramount importance to Hart InterCivic as evidenced by our security and quality certification - ISO 27001:2005.

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Hart InterCivic voting systems were designed to meet voter and elections office needs. Hart's products keep working for the long haul. For example, we have the only electronic voting system that was fully and unconditionally certified for use in the state of California for the November, 2007 election after the State's Top-to-Bottom review.

Voting Products

eSlate™

The eSlate is Hart's DRE voting device that allows voters to view, vote, and record electronic ballots. The lower portion of the eSlate includes a set of distinctly shaped control buttons and the SELECT Wheel™ for ease of navigation. These features enable the voter to review the ballot and cast votes independently, securely, and accurately. The Disabled Access Unit™ is an additional module that modifies an eSlate to include an audio ballot reader and input jacks for adaptive devices, thereby providing alternative access features for voters with visual impairments, blindness, mobility impairments, or literacy challenges. With the eSlate, all voters can vote independently, privately, and securely.



VBO®

eSlate machines are equipped with Hart InterCivic's Verifiable Ballot Option (VBO), which provides a paper record of each vote cast on the eSlate voting unit. Hart InterCivic's fully integrated and easy-to-use voter verifiable paper audit trail is delivered through a self-contained printer that is secured in the voting booth next to the eSlate voting terminal. The VBO's paper record provides an easy-to-read, clear text record of each voter's ballot selections. This record presents contests listed in the same order as they were listed on the ballot. The VBO prints a duplicate of the summary screen on paper, allowing the voter to compare a printed version with the electronic version shown on the eSlate.



eScan™

The eScan is a precinct-based, digital scanner that relies on the fully integrated functionality of the Hart Voting System. After marking a paper ballot, the voter feeds it directly into the eScan at the precinct. The ballot is stored as a Cast Vote Record on a Mobile Ballot Box flash memory card that can be retrieved and tabulated by Hart's Tally application. Scan's capabilities include functionality to reject overvoted, undervoted, and blank ballots, thereby providing second-chance voting at the precinct.



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Record of Success

Hart InterCivic brings an impressive record of successful service to local government. We have provided election products and services to hundreds of counties and local governments nationwide. Hart's solid reputation for customer satisfaction and business integrity has been built through quality service to county government. The Hart Voting System has been successfully implemented in jurisdictions of all sizes.

Hart InterCivic is proud to include among its customers the two largest counties in the United States to adopt electronic voting - Harris County, Texas, the nation's third-largest county, and Orange County, California, the nation's fifth-largest county. We are especially proud that the first counties to purchase the Hart Voting System are long-time customers of Hart InterCivic. We have a great reputation, commitment to excellence, and a history of superior service.

Additionally, Hart InterCivic has served our customers well during controversial times. While other voting systems were decertified for use in California in November of 2007, for example, Hart was fully and unconditionally certified for use.

Differentiators - Philosophy - Values

Hart's reputation has been built on solid ethical business practices that ensure our customers receive innovative election solutions, quality service, and guidance from the most experienced professionals. In addition to Hart's unparalleled industry experience, we have been recognized for our exemplary commitment to ethics, winning the Samaritan Center Ethics in Business Award.

From the beginning, the eSlate voting unit has been recognized as providing all voters with the means to cast a private, independent, and secure vote.

The Hart Voting System is the first all-digital voting system on the market. As a result, it affords greater accuracy and quicker voter response than touch screen systems. The eSlate's SELECT Wheel interface does not require calibration or re-calibration, like touch screen systems do. There is no chance of "false touches" due to ballot images that are misaligned with touch sensors.

There are no smart cards, electronic keys, or other programmable devices required for voters to operate the voting unit or for poll workers to collect after the voting process, eliminating a key point of failure or potential security weakness. There is no requirement for additional poll workers to initialize the voting unit for each and every individual voter, resulting in significant cost savings.

ALL of Our Customers are References

Hart InterCivic has trusted relationships with customers in every state where we are certified. We polled our customers recently, and here are some of the responses to the questions, "What do you find is the most valuable feature of the Hart product(s) you use? Why is it the most valuable to you?"

- The Tally Computer - Instead of being here till the wee hours of the morning I'm out of the office by 10 pm.
- The most valuable feature of the Hart equipment for us is the fact that we can program our own elections.
- Ease of use as far as the products go.
- I would recommend Hart System to anyone!
- Ballot Now - Being able to scan and resolve the ballots before Election Day.
- Election Day it's push a button and I have results and on our web site by 8:30 PM.
- Products save hours of set up time.
- Very easy to use and train election judges.
- Reliability encourages voter confidence.
- Older voters are able to see what they are doing.
- Simplicity for the voter.
- I am thankful every day that it is not a touch screen.
- We are able to easily address the security issues.
- Election night is wonderful!! No more late nights.
- That the products meet the needs of voters with disabilities.
- I love the eSlates because my voters find it easier to vote on and this made it easier for me to justify going all electronic.
- They work and are easy to use.
- They are user friendly which is important to judges that do not use the electronics of this day and age.
- We do like the paper trail with the VBO option.
- eScans ...I like the way the voter can make the decision without the judge having to tell the voter what it says so it allows more privacy.
- The most valuable features to me are the durability of the eSlate; the wheel seems to work better with less chance of error by the voter.
- Everything!

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