



Voting System Upgrade



Begin with the end in Mind!

**GS 163-213.2 -if SC holds its
Presidential Primary before March
15th, 2016... then NC will hold its
Presidential Preference Primary a
week before SC**

**GS 163-165-all counties will
transition to paper by January 2018**

The End for 2015/2016 year...will be 5 elections...three are back-to-back County wide elections

- July 2015 file municipal candidates
 - August 2015 preparation month
 - September 2015 prepare/begin absentee voting
 - October 2015 conduct **Asheville Primary (37)**
 - November 2015 conduct **Municipal General Elections (53)**
 - December 2015 preparation for PPP/begin absentee voting
 - January 2016 preparation for PPP/one stop voting **(14)**
 - February 2016 **Presidential Preference Primary (80)**
 - March 2016 preparation for Primary/begin absentee voting
 - April 2016 preparation for Primary/one-stop voting **(10)**
 - May 2016 **Primary Election (80)**
 - June 2016 **Second Primary Election (80)**
 - July/August.....small respite before 2016 TIDAL WAVE **(80, 25)**
Presidential Election Season begins LABOR DAY WEEKEND
- (Red) designates # of voting sites**

Current Voting System

- Processed approximately 1.2 million ballots
- Processed approximately 10 million votes
- System will be 10 years old and 10 years is considered the end of its recommended life cycle

Challenges and Changes

Current Voting System

- Parts and technology are old. More and more parts needing to be replaced
- Battery life begin to shorten, more changes and more labor
- Temperamental parts, more guessing what's wrong, more labor
- Any less-than-perfect-performances = negative voter perceptions

Upgraded Voting System

- New equipment means higher 1st time scan rates
- Updated flash card technology means no cards requiring batteries
- Enhanced voter and worker communication
- Voter and worker education
- Assimilation into our operation (BOE education, warehouse management)
- Results are voter confidence and enhanced service

Upgrading now will mean...

- Visual and Auditory Voter Friendly features
- Visual and Auditory Worker Friendly features
- Improved character recognition consistency
- Less worker adjudication
- Faster recounts (1/3 less labor)
- Faster EV by-precinct counts (1/3 less labor)
- Faster absentee counts (1/3 less labor)
- Dedicated time for implementation/voter and worker education before the busy Presidential year
- \$\$ back for our current system

Shorter Voting Periods

Means LONG, BUSY days at the Early Voting Sites and little time to manage aging equipment issues

Longer Voting Times

Elimination of straight party voting will likely create longer lines at both early voting and Election Day sites...less time for aging equipment issues



The End in Mind

Fair

Accurate

Efficient

Voter-friendly/Voter Confident Elections