

Peoria's New Voting System

Peoria's new voting system is accurate, secure, and easy to use. To comply with the new federal Help America Vote Act, the new voting system replaces the optical scan voting systems that Peoria County and City of Peoria have been using for the past few years. It was used for the first time for the 2006 March Primary Elections. The County and the City are two of only three elections jurisdictions in the State of Illinois using all electronic voting, allowing all voters to vote on the same equipment and have the same voting experience.

As always, voters will sign applications to vote when coming to the polls. They will then be given a four-digit code to enter into any available voting machine, called the eSlate Verifiable Ballot Option. The eSlate is connected to a printer, allowing voters to print and review a paper copy of how they have voted. The printed copy is viewed through a clear cover on the printer that ensures no one can tamper with the ballot. Clear instructions will be available at each polling place, including in each booth. Voters wanting help can press a help button on the machine to notify a poll worker they need assistance.

An accessible voting system will be available at each polling place for those who have difficulty reading or a disability such as blindness or limited dexterity that has prohibited them from being able to mark their ballot privately and independently in the past. This special unit is equipped with an audio component and accepts "sip and puff" devices to help the voter vote without assistance.

For further information, contact the Peoria County Clerk's Elections Office at 309-672-6070 or the City of Peoria Election Commission at 309-494-8683.