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Re: Diebold Election Systems: GEMS v 1.18.22, Accuvote-Tsx DRE TouchScreen v4.5.2 Firmware, Accuvote-Ts R6 v 4.5.2, Accuvote-OS v 2.0.12, and VC Programmer v 4.1.11

Dear Ms. McGeehan:

Pursuant to my appointment as an examiner under §122.035, Texas Election Code, I attended an examination on Wednesday, January 5, 2005, for the purpose of examining the above referenced Diebold Election Systems: GEMS v 1.18.22, Accuvote-Tsx v4.5.2 Firmware, Accuvote-Ts R6 v4.5.2, Accuvote-OS v 2.0.12, VC Programmer v 4.1.11 (collectively the "Voting System"). At that time, Diebold made a presentation and the examiners asked questions and examined the use and function of the Voting System and the component parts listed.

I relied upon Diebold's representations concerning operation of the software and electronic components. Those representations were made during the examination and in the printed materials provided for the Voting System, and the related materials previously provided by Diebold for prior examinations. Other than examining the materials provided, observing the demonstration, participating in the casting and tabulating of ballots, presenting questions and observing the response of Diebold to my questions and those presented by the other examiners, I did not conduct an independent examination of the software or the electronic components.

This report is concerned solely with the ability of the Voting System to comply with Texas Election Law. No opinion is expressed regarding the suitability of the Voting System for the purposes of or use by any jurisdiction. The earlier certified versions of GEMS, Accuvote-TS R6 and Accuvote-OS were modified by the vendor, and a majority of the changes were made to enhance security and operating features. Based on the materials reviewed, the presentation by the vendor, the questions and answers, and the testing by casting and tabulating ballots, the Voting System appears to function in compliance with Texas election law and procedure.

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## Recommendations

I recommend the Secretary certify Diebold Election Systems, GEMS v 1.18.22, Accuvote-Tsx w/4.5.2 firmware, Accuvote-Ts R6 v 4.5.2, Accuvote-OS v 2.0.12, and the VC Programmer v 4.1.11, as meeting the requirements of the Texas Election Code.

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