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THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO HOLD MOCK ELECTION TO TEST ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

(Cleveland) - A mock election is being held to test electronic poll books (e-poll books) at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections tomorrow (May 10th). **Members of the community, election stakeholders and the media are invited to observe the simulated election between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

The event is part of an on-going research program that will determine the e-poll book products that will best serve the voters of Cuyahoga County. The selection process began last summer with seven vendors. The two companies that remain under consideration are Tenex and KNOWiNK.

Participants will use Tenex and KNOWiNK products as if this was an official election. "We will see how these e-poll books perform under every election scenario we can imagine," said Pat McDonald the Director of the Board of Elections. "After we analyze the results of the mock election we will make recommendations to the Board in June," said McDonald.

The Board plans to acquire hundreds of e-poll books by utilizing a state grant program that will cover most of the cost of purchasing this new equipment. The Board plans to utilize e-poll books in all of its 390 voting locations in 2017.

The e-poll books will replace paper poll books that are used to check in voters, verify signatures and confirm general voting information. The e-poll books have improvements that include:

- Allowing poll workers to easily redirect voters who are in the wrong location to the correct polling places and printing a slip of paper with the address.
- The machines scan driver's licenses and state identification cards to quickly pull up a voter's information.
- Poll workers are alerted when a voter already voted absentee or during the early voting period, or has already been mailed a ballot.
- Allows voters to sign in electronically and compares their signature to the signature on their official registration record.

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