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New Voting System Coming to Hamilton County in 2019!

The Hamilton County Board of Elections has selected Hart InterCivic's Verity Voting System as Hamilton County's next generation voting system. The County has been successfully using Hart InterCivic's HVS voting system since 2006. While the board has every confidence in the current voting system, it is approaching the end of its life cycle. In order to be proactive and have a new system in place before the current system's end of life, board staff began the process of evaluating new voting systems in 2017. This evaluation included mock elections held at the board office in January of 2018. Many members of the public and poll workers attended the mock election. We thank you for your participation and feedback!

"Verity was a unanimous bipartisan choice," said Director Sherry Poland, "Our due diligence began in 2017 as we viewed demonstrations from each vendor. We take this process very seriously."

Voters will continue to cast their votes on paper ballots. The technology used to create the ballot and tabulate votes will be the most up-to-date technology available in the United States. Voters who require assistance will find a new and improved disabled access option, so they may cast their ballots independently.

"We are familiar with Hart's customer service and have confidence in their people and technology," said Deputy Director Sally Krisel. "Over the years, we have conducted many recounts and post-election audits, which have proved the reliability of Hart's systems."

In June of 2018, the State Legislature appropriated \$114 million for Boards of Elections to purchase new voting systems. Demonstration units will be available for public viewing in January of 2019. The new system will debut in the May 2019 election.

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