



WILSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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Enhanced Voting System Debuts on August 4th

Lebanon, TN –Wilson County voters turned out on Thursday, August 4th for the Republican and Democratic Federal and State Primaries and the Wilson County General Elections. Voters were greeted with an enhanced voting system at their election day polling place.

The new voting system provides the touch screen ballot marking Wilson County voters have become accustomed to with the added feature of a printed ballot. “Having a ballot printed allows voters to see their choices on paper as well as on the screen before their vote is cast. This adds another level of confidence to the voting experience,” said Phillip Warren Administrator of Elections.

Wilson County voters were introduced to touch screen voting in 2006. Ten years later the tried and true system has been upgraded. As the number of eligible voters continues to increase, effectively meeting the demands on election administration also grows. The process of choosing, funding and implementing this voting system has been an ongoing project. Anticipating the need to replace the voting machines, the Election Commission began testing new voting technology in 2013. As systems were certified by the Federal EAC and the Tennessee State Election Commission, elections were held in local high schools to demonstrate and evaluate their capabilities.

The new voting system, ExpressVote, brings the latest federal and state certified voting machines to Wilson County. ExpressVote is a Universal Voting System that combines paper-based voting with touch screen technology to create a breakthrough in voting solutions for early voting and on Election Day. Funding for the equipment was provided by the Wilson County Commission with additional funds from a Help America Vote Act Grant.

Tammy Smith, Assistant Administrator said, “Providing the best voting experience for Wilson County voters and the best working experience for Wilson County Poll Officials is a major goal of the Election Commission. We are excited to have successfully integrated our registration and voting system technologies to create a more streamlined voting experience for the voter and a better work experience for our Poll Officials.”

Voters will have another opportunity to experience the new equipment when Early Voting begins on October 19th for the November 8th Federal and State General and Lebanon, Mt Juliet and Watertown Municipal elections.

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