Voting Machine Discussion Points
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Where Are We?
- Elections in Delaware are conducted by the state. While we have 3 county offices, all employees are state employees – very different from most states.
- Voting machines are 22 years old - full face DRE
- No VVPAT, but votes are stored in 3 distinct areas of the DRE
- Ballots are created with Windows XP – no longer supported by Microsoft
- Do not have poll books
- Do not have early voting – only absentee with a reason and often a notary

Taskforce
- Created by HB342 last year at request of State Election Commissioner
- 12 Members include:
  - State Election Commissioner, Chair
  - 2 Senators (1 D, 1 R)
  - 2 Representatives (1 D, 1 R)
  - Appointment from Governor’s Office
  - 2 Members of the State Board of Elections (1D, 1 R)
  - Director of the Office of Management and Budget
  - Chief Information Officer, Dept. of Technology and Information
  - Comptroller General
  - Representative of State Council for Persons with Disabilities
- Have had 6 meetings
  - First meeting was organizational
  - EAC and NCSL did presentations at second meeting
  - Next 4 meetings were vendor demonstrations
- Members are mandated by a House Bill, but all meetings are public and attended by representatives of interested organizations.
- Going forward, we will discuss requirements and work with the state and EAC to create an RFP

Where Are We Headed?
- Decide on requirements
- Write the RFP
- Work with the state as well as the EAC regarding funding
  - Lease or buy
  - Just voting machines – poll books? (Early Voting Bill)
  - Absentee system?
- The state’s mainframe that holds our Election Management System is aging. Is this the time that we move off the mainframe to a client server?
  - Voter Registration
  - Poll Workers
  - Ballot Creation

How Do We Pay for Everything??
- Some vendors set up a lease agreement that contains all annual maintenance expenses and you receive a yearly bill
- Bond Bill funding