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BYSIEWICZ SAYS NEW VOTING TECHNOLOGY PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN ALL MAY ELECTIONS

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is pleased to report that Connecticut's new voting technology worked well in Monday's municipal elections. Seven municipalities and eight boroughs held elections or referendums with the new optical scan voting machines and the Secretary's office has received no complaints of voting irregularity.

Secretary Bysiewicz did receive a letter from State Rep. Kevin DelGobbo, of Naugatuck, expressing concerns about privacy at the polls during the local election. Specifically, Rep. DelGobbo has requested an immediate review of the technology and procedures, established by the Secretary of the State's office with regards to the new voting technology.

Secretary Bysiewicz thanks Rep. DelGobbo for his concern and is pleased to report that her office has reviewed the technology and procedures involving the new equipment and the results are very positive. All votes have been accurately counted and accounted for, and all the voting machines performed well. It is the responsibility of the local registrars to set up each polling place in accordance with the law and to ensure the privacy of each voter.

"Our constitution guarantees that each citizen has the right to cast their vote privately. We have instructed the registrars as to how to set up their polling places to ensure that privacy. I urge any resident who feels that their privacy has been compromised to file a complaint with the State Elections Enforcement Commission."

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