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## LAST SHIPMENT OF NEW VOTING MACHINES DELIVERED

WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW MACHINES IN BROOKLYN, ALL 169 CITIES AND TOWNS  
NOW HAVE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING TECHNOLOGY

**BROOKLYN** - Today, July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Office of the Secretary of State will help deliver new optical scan voting machines to Brooklyn, making it the final town to receive its new voting equipment. Representatives from LHS Associates, the company contracted to supply the voting machines, will run a complete diagnostic test of the machines to ensure they are ready for use and conduct an instructional presentation for elections officials on the assembly and setup of the machines.

Gone are the old lever style metal voting machines – now voters in Connecticut’s 793 polling districts will utilize one of the 8,736 privacy booths to fill out a paper ballot and then scan it into a machine for verification before it drops into one of the 1,586 secure ballot boxes.

“In the last 9 months we have delivered over \$16 million worth of voting machinery to every city and town in Connecticut,” said Bysiewicz. “Connecticut is now equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> century voting.”

Optical scan voting is the most common form of voting technology in America today, with a majority of counties nationwide voting on optical scan machines. The new technology also provides a paper trail for every vote cast, in compliance with state law and the federal Help America Vote Act.

“Having the equipment delivered was the first step,” stated Bysiewicz. “Now we will continue the work of educating and training every registrar, clerk, and election official so that Election Day will run smoothly.”

Twenty-five Connecticut towns successfully utilized the optical scan machines in the November 2006 elections. This year, the remaining 144 cities and towns received their new machines. In May of this year, 13 towns held their elections and 20 towns held referenda utilizing the new voting machines.