

**Testimony of Matthew Lilly regarding SB 441 - AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC OR MANUAL CHECK-IN OF VOTERS, THE PROCESS OF VOTING AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF OFFICIAL CHECK LISTS.**

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee:

My Name is Matthew Lilly, I am President of ELECTEC Election Services, I am here today to speak in favor of Senate Bill 441 - AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC OR MANUAL CHECK-IN OF VOTERS, THE PROCESS OF VOTING AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF OFFICIAL CHECK LISTS.

ELECTEC is a woman owned and operated Election Services Company established in 1983 with offices in Hartford, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Chicago; I have been its President since January 2006 and reside in Simsbury with my family. ELECTEC provides people, equipment, services, and subject matter expertise to over 300+ jurisdictions in five (5) states on the East Coast, assuring that 4.5MM voters can cast their ballot electronically, in-person or by-mail. We support these jurisdictions with their election programming, poll book and ballot printing, voting machine maintenance, support, setup, training, and support.

In addition to supporting these jurisdictions, we also conduct over 100 private elections every year for Unions, Home-Owner Associations, Native Tribes, and Professional Organizations. Every week we are conducting Elections somewhere in the United States. We participated in the November 2011 pilot project to test-run electronic check-in; three towns were chosen and our location was Simsbury. The test was conducted in parallel to the manual check-in, which further emphasized the advantages electronic check-in has over the current manual process.

Electronic check-in will enhance the processing of voters at the polling locations, supports same day voter registration, reduce the potential for double-voting and reduce errors. Most importantly, it will expedite the vote tallying and election night reporting. Processes that currently take hours on election night and several weeks thereafter can be done with the click of a mouse. In addition, HAVA required voter history, election-day totals and various reports can be sent to the Secretary of the State without delay, saving time and money.

If you recall, the fall of 2011 was a mess: Hurricane Irene blew through in September followed by the massive October snowstorm: storm carnage and power outages were everywhere throughout the State; the stress on the Registrars and Secretary of the State was immense. In Simsbury, our Registrar had to consolidate all four precincts into one - the only location with power; these were optimum conditions for a test! Even under these difficult circumstances the successful outcome of the pilot can be witnessed by this legislation before the committee.

We believe that the future of election system technology remains a combination of software and hardware technology based solutions with strong implementation and support activities, comprehensive training, 24x7 support, and the use of interactive educational methods including hands-on training seminars, public education and the Internet.

Our strategic focus remains to provide our clients and potential customers with complete turnkey systems. Our strength, as a total solution provider, positions us as a technology innovator taking full advantage of the latest advances in hardware and software, communications, networking, integration services and comprehensive implementation Teams.

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