



Dear Poll Workers,

On March 15th, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 113, which moves the Presidential Primary to February 5, 2008.

At the Presidential Primary, voters will be voting for president and in all likelihood, two statewide propositions and perhaps some local measures.

Another Primary will be held on June 3, 2008. Legislative races for Congress, State Assembly and Senate will be voted on as well as state propositions and local races.

The Presidential General Election will be held on November 4, 2008.

I want you to mark these dates on your calendar and plan on being part of the 2008 cycle by serving county voters as a polling place official.

If you sign up and actually work both the November 2007 Election and new February California Primary Election, you will receive a \$25 bonus. But you must work in both elections.

We'll need all of you there!

Best,

Warren

## "It's all in the set-up"

When Fred arrived at the elementary school's multi-purpose room at 6:00 a.m., he was surprised to find 75 folding chairs set up in the middle of the room obviously left over from a gathering the night before. He couldn't find the janitor, so the team pitched in to clear the chairs. When done, Fred began assembling the eSlates. Click...click...click...that was the sound of the legs snapping into place. The comforting smell of hot morning coffee wafted from his cup as he and Mike flipped the units over to open them up. "It's all in the set-up," he thought to himself, "it's all in the set-up."

### *Powering Up*

Fred had reviewed the set-up process and decided there were 4 basic connecting steps before they would be ready for power.

#### *1. Connect the eSlate to the JBC.*

Fred took the gray cable out of the JBC box, hooked it into the back of the JBC and connected the other end to the back of the first eSlate in the row.

#### *2. Connect all the eSlates.*

He opened the storage channel and guided the connector cable to the back of the next eSlate, repeating this process until all eSlates were connected. He remembered Greta's instruction—"GENTLY slip the plug with "TOP" into the yellow eyebrows on the back of the eSlate. Finger-tighten the thumbscrews."

#### *3. Connect the Power Bricks.*

Power Bricks, now kept in the red supply case, were next. Fred SNUGLY plugged the VBO power cord into the brick, and then inserted the round end of the cord into the VBO power port. Then he plugged the VBO power cord into the power strip.

#### *4. Connect the JBC to AC power.*

He plugged one end of the power cord into the back of the JBC and the other into the power strip. That should do it.

### *Retrace the Steps*

*Nothing happened!* Fred retraced his steps.

Everything was connected perfectly. Why weren't the eSlates activating?

### *Check the On-Off Switch on the Power Strip*

Fred retraced his steps one more time before calling a technician. He checked the on-off switch on the power strip. Aha!

### *I've Got the Power*

Fred flipped the switch. The lights flashed on, the JBC printer began printing and the eSlates were ready for their booth assignments. "We'll be ready!" Fred thought to himself.



Cable end



Booth socket  
The cable-to-booth connection fits only one way.  
Do not force.



## Center Stage

**J**eane Price of South San Francisco began working at the polls in the late 50's. Asked about the eSlates, Jeane said, "They're wonderful" she added, "Some poll workers and voters were a little apprehensive at first, but everyone who tried the eSlate thought it was easy."



Jean Price

Jeane noted that, "Training this year was more serious than in the past—I thought it was appropriate because voting is serious. I don't allow a lot talking or distraction when the voters are there because I believe voting is serious."

In concluding the interview, Jeane said, "You know what I really liked this year? Those high school students! They were sharp as a tack and had a mind for working the machines. It was a pleasure having them be part of the Precinct Board."

## Booth Assignment Quiz

1. Which eSlate key is pressed to assign a booth?
2. Which booth will always have the highest number assigned to it?
3. What's the color that appears behind the number once you've assigned the booth?
4. What does the message "eSlate Unavailable" mean?
5. If you've made an error in your booth assignment, how do you correct it?

1. Enter
2. The DAU
3. Yellow
4. The Booth Assignment step has not been done
5. Push start over button or recycle the power on the JBC

**ANSWERS**

## Secretary of State calls for "Top-to-Bottom Review"

You may have read that California's Secretary of State, Deborah Bowen, is calling for a "Top-to-Bottom Review of Electronic Voting Equipment" by August 2007. The Secretary of State establishes the certification standards and requirements for all voting equipment used in the State of California.

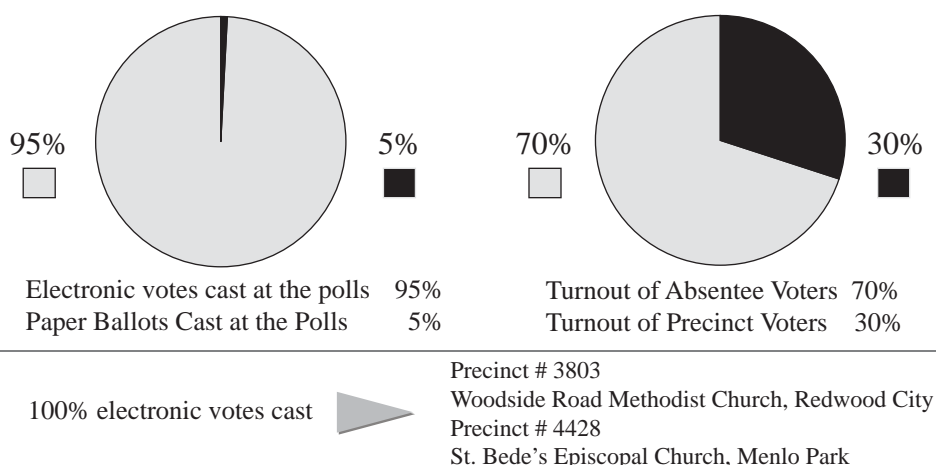
In Warren Slocum's opinion, "The Secretary's call for a "Top-to-Bottom Review" will be a good thing for California, a good thing for voters and a good thing for election officials." Slocum also noted, "The devil is always in the details."

The Secretary's proposal covers topics like security, accessibility for voters with disabilities, language accessibility for minority language voters, and usability for elections officials and poll workers.

The proposal is posted on the Secretary of State's website, at [www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_vs.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vs.htm).

The Secretary will adopt final criteria no later than April 6, 2007.

### Las Lomas Elementary School District Election March 6, 2007



### Point of View

*on voting on the eSlate*

"It was sort of goof proof."

**Lee Anderson, voter**

*on assisting his father who voted on the eSlate*

"Cool! Can we do it again?"

**Jeffrey, 8 yrs. old**

*on full eSlate deployment at the polls*

"The hands-on eSlate training really made the difference."

**Barrie Fairley, St. Bede's judge**

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