

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Accessible Ballot Marking Device (known as the ICX - ImageCast X tablet) store my vote or any of my voter information?

No voter information or vote records are stored on the ICX.

When a voter checks in to vote, they will be issued an activation card. The activation card is programmed with only the information required to activate the proper ballot style for that voter. No information that can identify the voter is programmed on the activation card. The laptop which programs the activation card and the ICX tablet which will read the card are not connected to the internet and do not contain any voter information.

The voter will insert the activation card in the base of the ICX tablet to display their ballot. When the voter completes making their choices and selects the "Print Ballot" button, the ICX printer located in the voting booth will print the voter's ballot.

When the voter prints their ballot, their activation card will be immediately deactivated. No information about how the voter marked their ballot is stored on the activation card. The voter's selections are NOT stored on the ICX tablet, in the ICX printer, or on the laptop that issues the activation cards.

What happens if I need to go back and change my selections?

The voter can navigate to any contest on the ballot to review and update their selections at any time during the voting session on the ICX tablet.

The session will only be completed once the voter selects the "Print Ballot" button to print their ballot. At that point, the voter can no longer change how they voted, and will have to see an Election Official if they wish to spoil their printed ballot and be issued a new activation card.

What happens if my ICX voting session is interrupted before I finish voting?

The ICX tablet is designed with an internal backup battery that will allow a tablet to continue operating even if there is a power outage. In addition, the activation card will remain active until the voter selects the "Print Ballot" button.

Can I review my choices before printing my ballot?

Yes. When the voter has reached the end of their ballot, they will select the "Review" button to be presented with a summary of all their choices. A voter can also choose to review their ballot at any time by selecting the "Review Ballot" button.

When the voter is satisfied with their choices and ready to print their ballot, they select the "Print Ballot" button that appears at the end of the Review screen.

Once the voter selects the “Print Ballot” button they will be presented with a final warning message. The voter can choose to review their ballot again and make any corrections, or if satisfied, the voter confirms by selecting the “Print Your Ballot” button.

The ballot will print from the printer that is beside the ICX in the voting booth.

What is stored in the QR (Quick Response) 2D barcode of my ballot when I use the ICX to mark my ballot?

Voters choosing to vote in person have the option of marking their ballot using the tablet-based accessible ballot marking device, the ICX.

The ICX has a printer that will print the voter’s choices on a paper ballot, in both plain text and in computer readable 2D barcode. The voter’s choices are digitally signed in the barcode image of the ballot. No voter identifying information is stored in the barcode. The Central Count scanner uses this 2D barcode to scan and tabulate the voter’s choices.

When ballots are scanned on the Central Count scanner, every single ballot in the election, whether marked by hand or electronically, is imaged and appended with the voting system’s AuditMark. The AuditMark is a record of how the system recorded the voter’s selections, which can be compared with the original ballot.

How will my ballot be counted?

All ballots in the election, whether marked by hand or marked electronically, will be tallied using the Central Count scanner at the Elections Office.

For ballots marked by hand, the Central Count scanner reads each mark and tallies the results. For ballots marked electronically through the ICX tablet, the Central Count scanner reads and tallies the voter’s selections from the 2D barcode. No voter identifying information is stored in the 2D barcode.