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DIRECTIVE 2006-82

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TO: COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS USING DIEBOLD TSX VOTING UNITS
Members, Director & Deputy Director

RE: Voter instruction sticker for VVPAT printer cover

The Secretary of State's Office has received a concern that voters using the Diebold TSx voting unit will not know to lift the opaque protective cover on the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) printer, if closed, in order to view their VVPAT. To avoid this potential problem, the Secretary of State's Office has produced instructional stickers to be attached to the VVPAT protective cover that instructs voters to "lift here" in order to see their Voter Verified Paper Ballot. The opaque protective cover is the blue "door" that covers the clear plastic view panel on the VVPAT printer.

Some counties have already proactively removed the protective cover so it does not cover the clear plastic view panel when in operation. Those counties that do not wish to remove the blue opaque protective cover from the VVPAT unit are instructed to place these stickers on the blue opaque protective cover next to the indented area on the cover designed as a finger-hold. This may be done as part of poll workers' opening process, or may accomplished ahead of time by warehouse personnel prior to Election Day use.

Enclosed with this Directive is a supply of stickers that should be sufficient for all the voting units in your county. If you should have any questions or need additional materials, please contact our office at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monty Lobb".

Monty Lobb
Assistant Secretary of State