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**Voting System Certification Hearing
Set for Wednesday, September 18.**

Secretary Ben Ysursa today announced a Voting System Certification Hearing for the Election Systems and Software (ES&S) EVS 5000 voting system.

The certification hearing is part of the process to approve new voting systems for use in the state. Voting Systems must be certified by the Secretary of State before use in the state pursuant to section 34-2409 of the Idaho Code.

The system being tested includes the EVS Election Management System software, which manages ballot creation, machine programming and results reporting. The new software being examined works with the ES&S equipment that has been certified and is currently used in the state.

Equipment includes the AutoMARK ballot marking device for accessible voting, the DS200 precinct count tabulator and the DS850 central count tabulator which count optical scanned paper ballots.

Secretary Ysursa said "Any citizen who would like to participate in the hearing process is invited to attend. Public comment is important and appreciated when we examine a system that counts our votes."

The certification hearing will be held Wednesday September 18, 2013 in the JR Williams Building, 700 West State Street, East Conference Room, Boise, Idaho beginning at 8:30 a.m.