



# 2018 EAVS Newsletter

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## Revisions to Section F of EAVS

As part of its efforts to make the EAVS easier to complete and to improve data quality and completeness, the EAC has revised portions of Section F in the 2018 EAVS. Based on feedback from election officials, the EAC knows that Section F questions on voting technology have been among the most difficult questions to answer in years past. Revisions for 2018 have been designed to help respondents provide a clearer picture of the types, makes, and models of voting technologies and how these technologies were used in the 2018 elections.

Given the heightened focus on election security and election technologies following the 2016 elections and ongoing concerns surrounding aging voting equipment, data quality improvements in this area are expected to give election jurisdictions, Congress, and other election stakeholders more comprehensive and reliable information on what voting technology is in use across the country. The voting technology questions have been revised in the following ways:

- Respondents will first classify their technology by equipment type (DRE w/o VVPAT, DRE w/ VVPAT, ballot marking device, scanner, punch card, lever, hand count), as opposed to by use of equipment.
- Respondents will now have the option to report up to three makes and models for each equipment type (e.g. for jurisdictions that use different scanners for precinct- vs. central-count locations).
- Based on information provided by the EAC's Testing and Certification program, there will be a drop-down list in the Online Template and the Excel Data Aggregation Template with the most common makes and models to help you more accurately report what equipment you are using. Pre-filled options will be organized alphabetically by the model name, with the make of the equipment listed in parentheses, e.g., "eSlate (Hart)" or "M650 (ES&S)".
  - If your jurisdiction's equipment is not listed in the pre-filled options, you may use a text box to enter in your make/model information.
- The location of the vote tallies has been moved to a separate question grid and should be reported according to the use of the equipment (in-precinct Election Day regular ballot voting, special device accessible to disabled voters, provisional ballot voting, in-person early voting, or by-mail voting).

The voting technology questions have been renumbered to F5-F11:



	a. In Use in Your Jurisdiction	b. Make/Model	c. Number Deployed	d. Equipment Use (Select All that Apply)
F5. DRE machines w/o VVPAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> In-precinct Election Day regular balloting <input type="checkbox"/> Special device accessible to disabled voters <input type="checkbox"/> In-person early voting
F6. DRE machines w/ VVPAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> In-precinct Election Day regular balloting <input type="checkbox"/> Special device accessible to disabled voters <input type="checkbox"/> In-person early voting
F7. Ballot marking device	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> In-precinct Election Day regular balloting <input type="checkbox"/> Special device accessible to disabled voters <input type="checkbox"/> In-person early voting
F8. Scanner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> In-precinct Election Day regular balloting <input type="checkbox"/> Special device accessible to disabled voters <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional ballot voting <input type="checkbox"/> In-person early voting <input type="checkbox"/> By-mail ballot counting

Questions F9-F11 for punch card, lever, and hand-counts are located on a separate page.

The vote tally question has been renumbered to F12:

**Location of Vote Tally: Question F12**

**F12. Location for Where Votes are Tallied**

For each of the following uses of your jurisdiction's voting equipment, report where the votes are tallied.

Location of Vote Tally for:	Please Select One
F12a. <u>In-precinct Election Day regular ballot voting:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Central location <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct or polling location <input type="checkbox"/> Both central and precinct location <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
F12b. <u>Special devices accessible to disabled voters:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Central location <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct or polling location <input type="checkbox"/> Both central and precinct location <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
F12c. <u>Provisional ballot voting:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Central location <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct or polling location <input type="checkbox"/> Both central and precinct location <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
F12d. <u>In-person early voting:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Central location <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct or polling location <input type="checkbox"/> Both central and precinct location <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
F12e. <u>By-mail balloting:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Central location <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct or polling location <input type="checkbox"/> Both central and precinct location <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
<b>F12 Comments:</b>	



As some of these changes were made following the distribution of an earlier version of 2018 EAVS instrument this summer, we have updated the crosswalk spreadsheet that was distributed with the first newsletter. This crosswalk links the questions from the 2016 EAVS to the equivalent questions in the 2018 EAVS. This spreadsheet has been attached to this email and can also be found in the Resources section of the EAVS Portal (<https://eavsportal.com/Home/Resources>). An updated PDF version of the survey instrument can be found in the Downloads section (<https://eavsportal.com/Home/Downloads>).

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### **Election Day is Next Week—Are You Ready to Submit your EAVS Data?**

With Election Day coming up quickly, now is a good time to assess whether you need to collect any EAVS data prior to the election. Examples may include the number of precincts and polling places (Section D), the ages of your poll workers (Section D), and your election technology (Section F).

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### **Webinar Questions Accepted through Nov. 14**

There's still time to submit questions for the upcoming Q&A webinar! If you have a question about the 2018 EAVS, we will address it in a webinar that will be filmed in November. Click [here](#) to submit a question, or email [EAVS@forsmarshgroup.com](mailto:EAVS@forsmarshgroup.com) with "Webinar Q&A" in the subject line.