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# Plaintiffs Motion to Block New, Unverifiable Vote System

ATLANTA, GA – Just a day after the U.S. District Court of North Georgia **banned** the current Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system beginning in 2020, plaintiffs in the case motioned to block a proposed new unverifiable BMD voting system. The [motion](#) was filed on the grounds it impairs Georgia voters' Constitutional right to vote because the voting system is **not verifiable** to the voters and evidence in the DRE trial has proven the state **incapable** of running electronic based elections of any kind.

The Georgia legislature and Secretary of State's (SOS) office previously authorized up to \$150 million to purchase ballot marking devices (BMDs) from Dominion Voting Systems. However, the proposed Dominion ICP/ ICC 5.5.3-0002 scanners accumulate **hidden votes** that the ICX 5.5.10.30 BMD embeds in **encrypted bar codes**. Voters see and verify only text selections, **not actual votes that are counted**.

Evidence from the trial confirmed previous VoterGA claims with stunning new details:

- Despite claims of no internet connectivity, the ballot building system that preps all counties and machines before all elections was **exposed for years** thru 2017;
- When the exposure was found the state made **no attempt** to assess any damage;
- Instead, directors allowed the servers to be wiped just after a lawsuit was filed;
- Despite claims the revised 2018 ballot building procedure is "air gapped" **most ballots are received from work-at-home contractors via the internet**;
- The SOS office hired a security assessment firm but directed them **NOT** to look at election although they were fully capable to do so;
- In 2017, that firm found 22 "*serious*" security errors in the SOS public server that handles licensing and corporations but only 3 were mitigated by November 2018;
- Despite claims of penetration testing, the SOS tests only 1 of 27,000 machines and did not reveal to the court that their firm had penetrated the SOS server;

Judge Amy Totenberg declared some Defendants' contentions as "**flatly not credible**".

She required the state to implement a **backup plan** of hand marked paper ballots using Dominion scanners if the BMD system is not ready for the March Presidential Primary.

**Two** sets of plaintiffs originally sued the state. The motion was filed by Donna Curling, Donna Price and Geoffrey Schoenberg of [Georgians for Verified Voting](#) represented by [Morrison & Foerster](#) lead attorney David Cross. The [Coalition of Good Governance](#), led by Marilyn Marks and lead attorney [Bruce Brown](#) confirmed **they will file a similar, more comprehensive motion** likely to add more expert security and auditability risks. Those plaintiffs include Ricardo Davis, Meagan Missett and William and Laura Digges.