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Dominion Touchscreens Fail to Display Georgia Election Question

ATLANTA, MAY 3, 2022 – Early voting for the 2022 Georgia primaries began yesterday with yet another Dominion voting system malfunction. The Democracy Suite 5.5 Ballot Marking Device (BMD) touchscreens failed to display language for the 9th Republican question out of 13 on the DeKalb County Republican ballot. The controversial touchscreens displayed only a “Yes” and “No” for the 9th question without the actual referendum language itself. The question which printed correctly on mail-in ballots read: *“Do you feel mask mandates represent appropriate government control over your constitutional freedom?”*

Some DeKalb precincts like Briarlake posted the printed version of the question at each voting station to compensate for the malfunction while others like the Tucker Library were unaware of the problem for most of the day. DeKalb Elections’ staff could not explain why the malfunction was not corrected, or at least detected, during logic and accuracy testing.

The Democracy Suite system has been constantly criticized because it accumulates votes hidden in a Quick Response (QR) code the voter cannot read. A U.S. District court found in a 2020 [order](#) that the system does not print an elector verifiable ballot nor show the elector’s choices in human readable text as required by Georgia laws. The system was purchased for over \$100 million in 2019 by Secretary Brad Raffensperger despite warnings from computer scientists, cyber security experts, election integrity advocates, as well as Georgia voters.

Yesterday was not the first time that the Dominion system has malfunctioned. The voting system previously [failed to tabulate](#) correctly for the 2020 recount in Coffee County and other Georgia counties. That failure was the subject of testimony at the House Government Affairs [Committee](#) and Senate Judiciary [Sub-Committee](#) hearings in December of 2020.

Yesterday was also not the first time that a Georgia voting system failed to display selections properly. In 2018, Georgia’s unverifiable Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touchscreens produced by Electronic Systems and Software (ES&S) appeared to fail in displaying the Lieutenant Governor’s race between Geoff Duncan and Sarah Riggs Amico correctly. A [VoterGA analysis](#) and affidavits from a subsequent lawsuit indicated the race may have been randomly left off touchscreens in minority dominant precincts when selections were first displayed to voters. The race displayed correctly if voters returned from the selection summary screen. Ms. Amico suffered a loss of over 100,000 votes with a 5% undervote rate compared to a normal 1% rate for that race historically and for other 2018 down ballot races. The anomaly still represents the greatest unexplained undervote in electronic voting history.

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