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September 1, 2026

Robert Giles
VP of Certification and Compliance
Liberty Vote
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Denver, Colorado 80204

Dear Mr. Giles:

Please be advised that as Liberty Vote declined to resubmit certain voting systems and components for reexamination under Section 122.091 of the Texas Election Code, the following voting system suites are suspended from use in Texas Elections as of September 1, 2026:

System	Component
Diebold's Voting System GEMS 1-18-24	System Suite
Diebold's Voting System GEMS 1-18-22	System Suite

If you have any questions you may contact our office at 1-800-252-2216 or at Elections@sos.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Adkins".

Christina Adkins
Director of Elections

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August 25, 2026

Robert Giles
VP of Certification and Compliance
Liberty Vote
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Denver, Colorado 80204

Dear Mr. Giles:

Section 122.091 of the Texas Election Code authorizes the Secretary of State to reexamine a certified voting system or voting system component at any time after certification. If a system or component is not submitted for reexamination under this section, the Secretary of State may suspend its approval for use in Texas elections.

Recent legislation has introduced new requirements affecting certified voting systems, including:

- Senate Bill 1 from the 87th Legislature's Second Called Session, requiring hash validation of voting systems prior to each election in which the equipment is used.
- Senate Bill 598 from the 87th Legislature's Regular Session, prohibiting the use of direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems in elections occurring after September 1, 2026.

In light of these statutory changes, as well as administrative considerations related to certified systems that are no longer in use in Texas, the Secretary of State is requesting the reexamination of the following voting systems and system components:

System	Component	Reason
Diebold's Voting System GEMS 1-18-24	System Suite	DRE Components and Administrative Review for Nonuse
Diebold's Voting System GEMS 1-18-22	System Suite	DRE Components and Administrative Review for Nonuse

If you wish to submit one or more of the requested voting systems or voting system components for reexamination, please respond to this request no later than September 1, 2026. The Secretary of State may prescribe fees in the amounts reasonably necessary to administer a reexamination of voting equipment submitted to our office.

Any system or system component not submitted for reexamination may be suspended for use in Texas elections on or before September 1, 2026.

If you have any questions about these requirements or the systems that have been certified by our office to satisfy these requirements, you may contact our office at 1-800-252-2216 or at Elections@sos.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina W. Adkins".

Christina Adkins
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