

Q: Who is responsible for the cost of the hardware device (laptop, tablet) for the e-poll book?

A: While the software will be available to clerks at no cost, local jurisdictions would need to purchase the hardware needed to run the system, such as a laptop or tablet, and any peripheral devices such as signature pads, scanners or printers needed to support the system.

Q: How many devices are recommended per polling location?

A: In small municipalities, one poll book may be sufficient. Neighboring states recommend two e-poll books for polling places with more than 1,000 registered voters. Polling locations with a high number of Election Day Registrations may also consider additional devices to be dedicated to voter registration.

Q: How much does a hardware device cost?

A: The specific hardware configuration and costs are not known at this time. Staff is working with the state contract to determine package options that would include the main device (laptop or tablet), peripherals like license scanners and e-signature pads, as well as some managed IT support services. The packages under review are being chosen according to their security and durability specifications. Packages appear to be in the range of \$900 to \$1,500 per unit.

Q: Does an e-poll book require an internet connection?

A: The e-poll book will never require an internet connection. If the e-poll book is ever updated in the future to have online features, they will be optional and will only be implemented after we have evaluated whether they can be made secure.

Q: Can someone hack into my e-poll book?

A: The e-poll book will not be connected to the internet, and all antennas will be disabled. If it is ever updated to have online features, they will only be implemented after appropriate security measures have been taken. Combined with proper physical security and software management, the e-poll book will be very safe from hacking.

Q: What if someone steals my e-poll book?

A: All the data on the e-poll book will be encrypted in such a way that it can only be read using the credentials of the election inspector to which it is assigned, or the clerk. This will be done using military-standard encryption.

Q: When will the e-poll book be ready for an election?

A: At this time the Commission intends to pilot the new e-poll book system in three to six jurisdictions in the 2018 Spring Election. The e-poll book will be available to all clerks in time for the 2018 August Partisan Primary.

Q: Who do I contact if I am interested in participating in the e-poll book development process?

A: If you are interested in using the e-poll book system and would like to provide feedback to Commission Staff during the design phase, please contact the Elections Help Desk at ePollbook@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028.