

**DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF FILES REGARDING THE
DIEBOLD ACCUVOTE-TSX ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Pursuant to Section 1105-A of the Pennsylvania Election Code, at 25 P. S. §3031.5, and revised as required by Act 150 of 2002, the following Directive is issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the installation of files for the Diebold AccuVote-TSX electronic voting system.

1. Diebold Election Systems, Inc. ("DESI") has determined there is a potential security vulnerability in the system installation and upgrade mechanism to the AccuVote-TSX version 4.6.4 equipment, which is currently certified in Pennsylvania. This security vulnerability could allow un-authorized software to be loaded on to the system. The probability for exploiting this vulnerability to install un-authorized software that could affect an election is considered low. To exploit this risk, physical access is required to the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) slots on the machine during system startup.
2. Diebold Election Systems shall develop a permanent solution to this security vulnerability, which shall proceed through the ordinary certification process. Once the permanent solution is certified, Diebold shall make that solution available to its customers through the normal software upgrade process.
3. In order to mitigate any immediate risk, all counties using the Diebold AccuVote-TSX shall re-install the authorized software during system startup prior to installing, testing, and sealing the election data PCMCIA card into the unit. The Department of State will furnish the authorized software to the counties on a PCMCIA card along with instructions for its installation.