ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

July 16, 2018

The Honorable Wes Allen, President
Alabama Probate Judges Association
120 West Church Street
Troy, Alabama 36081

The Honorable Steve McKinnon, President
Association of County Commissions of Alabama
c/o Dale County Commission
202 South Highway 123, Suite C
Ozark, Alabama 36360

Dear President Allen and President McKinnon:

The Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board, during our regular meeting held on July 13, 2018, voted to authorize me to send this correspondence to the Alabama Probate Judges Association and Association of County Commissions of Alabama to express our support for the use of Electronic Poll Books.

As you know, Electronic Poll Books, among other things, accelerate check-in times at Voting Places and help implement aspects of the state law regarding “crossover” voting.

We respectfully ask that you address your respective Associations to encourage their member county governments to consider obtaining Electronic Poll Books for use during their elections, if they have not already done this.

Please feel free to contact me at (256) 899-6002 or jo.stiefel@vote.alabama.gov

Sincerely,

Jo Stiefel, Chairman
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Dear President Allen:

The Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board, during our regular meeting held on July 13, 2018, voted to authorize me to send this correspondence to the Alabama Probate Judges Association to express our concern regarding poll workers not properly marking voter lists to indicate which primary many voters participated in. As you know, this information is necessary to implement the state law which prohibits “crossover” voting, so this failure caused numerous sealed voting records to have to be opened under court order to retrieve this information and record it correctly. Also, poll workers frequently give the wrong ballot to voters when there is more than one ballot style in a voting location even though the ballot style is printed on the voter lists by each voter’s name. This can easily affect the outcome of a race, particularly in a small district.

We respectfully ask that you address your Association to encourage its member county governments to consider our concerns. We are available to you to discuss this matter and help come up with potential remedies.

Please feel free to contact me at (256) 899-6002 or jo.stiefel@vote.alabama.gov

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Jo Stiefel, Chairman