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**Georgia Citizens For Paper Ballots** 

# A Detailed Georgia 2004 Election Audit

Seeking the Truth about Georgia's Outsourced Elections

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### Mission Statement

### MISSION:

Count Paper Ballots is a nationwide organization dedicated to eliminating the outsourcing of our elections.

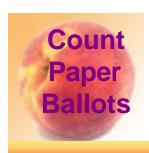
We work with action groups both legally, legislatively & through grassroots efforts to organize, educate, audit, influence & ultimately to implement new ways to improve election efficiency while maintaining the honesty and integrity of elections.



# What Could Reverse 132 Years of Democrat History?

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Govern	or State House Majority	State Senate Majority	President Choice
1920 1930 Democion 1940 Democion 1950 Democion 1960 Democion 1970 Democion 1980 Democion 2000 Democion 2001 Repub	Democration Democr	Democration Democr	Democrat

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# History, Why do all this hard work?

Dear Election Truth Supporter:

When the 2002 Elections for GA were being listed, I was watching the returns in a hotel room in Dallas Texas where I was on temporary assignment. I fell off my bed to see that not only had the governor gone Republican, but the Georgia senate and many of the counties near my own had gone RED. How could Max Cleland lose, I thought, he's Georgia's proudest veteran! It was like Georgia was bleeding, the red was so thick & vile, and even though I was many states away, I could smell the foul stench of foul play.

#### **OUR GROUP:**

Why all this hard work? We want to know the truth of what has happened to our votes! We Don't believe our vote should be OUTSOURCED to corporations with profit motives and GOP allegiance versus honesty and transparency of elections. As citizens, we want to know how our elections were conducted and if they were conducted honestly in 2004. A group of us have started an old fashioned accounting styled audit. Our motto:

Assume nothing, question everything and walk in the front door, no cloak and dagger, just ask for the data and then tell the world what we find.

We are building a grassroots coalition and we need your help. Please join our cause and help us begin detailed audits in your state!

SEEKING: Truth

**Fairness** 

Curiousity

Righteousness

Integrity

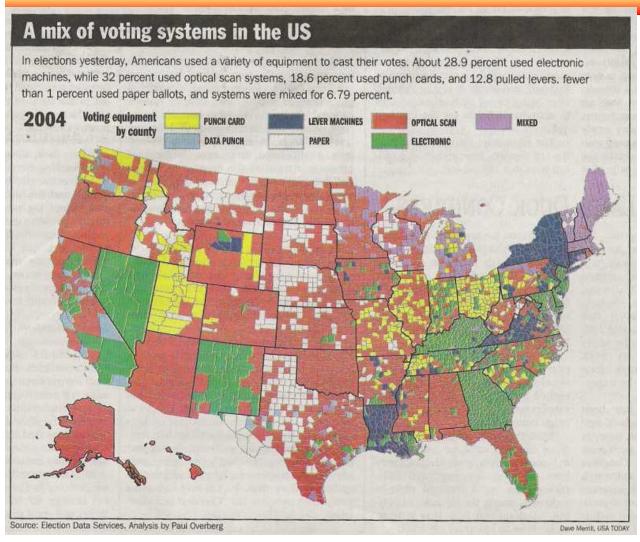
Action

Legality

Because others
Have suffered.....
And....
I just want my democratic
Country back!



# Nationwide DRE Machine Facts



**Paper Ballots only** 

0.6% - 1 million registered voters

Lever machines

12.8% - 22.2 million registered voters

Electronic - 86.5% of all votes cast

32.2% - Optical scan, 55.6 million registered voters 28.9% - Electronic touchscreens, 50 million registered voters 18.6% - Punch cards, 32.2 million registered voters 6.8% - Mixed, 11.7 million registered voters

Source: USA Today November 3, 2004





# **Diebold Facts**

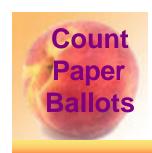
# Because of Diebold, Georgians don't rest either!

Over 75,000 Diebold machines nationwide accounting for 36 Million Votes
Diebold settled out of court with State of California for \$2.6M for malfunctions
Georgia is 100% Diebold, 26,000 machines installed since 2002 when Sec. O State Cathy Cox took approximately \$15M in HAVA Help America Vote Act
money to purchase Diebold systems statewide
The Diebold / Georgia State contract is kept secret from Georgia Citizens,
attempts to gather details have been blocked.
Walden 'O'Dell , Diebold CEO, had a \$1,000-per-head GOP fundraiser at his
10,800-square-foot mansion, has been a guest at Bush's Texas ranch, is
Member of "Pioneers and Rangers" who pledge more than \$100,000 for Bush
last fall penned a letter pledging his commitment "to helping Ohio deliver its
electoral votes to the President." and W.R. "Tim" Timken, a Diebold director
since 1999, his company and the Timken family have given over \$1M dollars
to the GOP. Source: http://www.motherjones.com/commentary/columns/2004/03/03_200.html "Diebold's Political Machine" by Bob Fritrakis & Harvey Wasserman, March 5, 2004.
About 29% of voters will cast ballots electronically this year — more than
double the proportion who did so in 2000, says research firm Election Data

California. Source: USA Today Posted 10/29/2004 1:36 AM "Voting machine has trial by fire" By Paul Davidson, USA TODAY

Services. Diebold, the largest of four main suppliers, controls about 45% of the

market. The bulk of its 50,000 machines will be used in Georgia, Maryland &



# Major Election Questions in Georgia

### GEORGIA CITIZENS, DO YOU REALLY WANT OUTSOURCING?

Have we outsourced our elections in Georgia to Diebold?

GA Election Code 21-2-350: "Readily Learn the Method of Operating It"?

Are our voting machines so complicated it is not possible for us to discover how to operate it? Why is Sec. Of State office blocking all attempts to access the software to run the black box? Do Diebold software trade secrets supersede Georgia citizen access to election data?

### WHY IS ELECTION DATA BEING WITHHELD FROM GA CITIZENS?

In December, Georgia citizens made a request for election data and have been denied by a Georgia code citing the potential for 'terrorist acts' if they were to divulge the software.

### WHY DIDN'T THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE INVESTIGATE

Stolen Diebold equipment with full software to run a Georgia election including networking elements?
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# Georgia Election Problems Discovered

Reported Election Irregularities
Denied Open Records Request
A Police Report of Stolen Diebold Equipment loaded with all the software and networking necessary to conduct a Georgia Election
No Secretary of State's Office Investigation of Stolen Diebold Equipment
Clerks of the Superior Court Don't Have Sealed Copies of the CD Required by Law
Many rural Georgia counties outsource their election poll worker duties to Diebold employees that are neither citizens of Georgia, nor have they completed poll worker oaths and may even be Canadian citizens
Centralized distribution of the Diebold equipment thru a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party contractor to the State, Kennesaw State Center for Elections

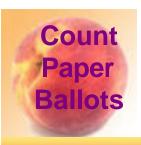


# A Simple Open Records Request

- Pursuant to Georgia "Rules of State Election Board" 183-1-2-.02(5)(a)3: For each AccuVoteTS touchscreen voting machine: A photocopy of End-of-Day Totals from each DRE used in the precinct signed by elections officials as required by Georgia law.
- Pursuant to Georgia "Rules of State Election Board" 183-1-2-.02(5)(a)5:
  For each precinct: A photocopy of End-of-Day Precinct Totals signed by Elections Officials as required by Georgia law.
- Pursuant to Georgia "Rules of State Election Board" 183-1-2-.02(5)(a)5: For each precinct: A photocopy of End-of-Day Ballot Recap Sheet signed by Elections Officials as required by Georgia law.
- Pursuant to Georgia "Rules of State Election Board" 21-2-500(a) and 183-1-12-.02(6)(a):

A complete copy of the CD-ROM which shall contain a copy of the information contained on each memory card (PCMCIA card) which shall include all ballot images as well as vote totals and a copy of the consolidated returns from the election management system.

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# Then, NO You Cannot Have It

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\* \* \* \* \* IMPORTANT UPDATE \* \* \* \* \*

TO:

Election Officials

FROM:

Enthy Rogers, Director Elections Administration

DATE:

December 28, 2004

RE:

Open Records Requests

A number of county Superior Court Clerks have received open records requests for elections materials filed with the Clerk of Superior Court's office and are asking the county election office for direction on how to respond to these requests.

First, the Clerk's office should contact the County Attorney for advice in responding to the above-mentioned request. You might also remaind the Clerk that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-500(a) election records are maintained under seal in the Clerk's Office and cannot be opened unless so directed by a Superior Court order.

Second, the CD-ROM mentioned in the request should not be copied or provided for disclosure because it has elements of computer programs and computer software as described by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(f) and it may contain information the disclosure of which would compromise security against substage or criminal or terrorist acts and the nondisclosure of which is necessary for the protection of life, safety, or public property... (See O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(15)(A)).

However, if a request is made directly to the Election Superintendent, information on the CD-ROM may be stude available in the form of reports from the election database maintained on the CD-ROM pursuant to the Open Records Act.

If you have any questions regarding the production of reports from the CD-ROM, please feel free to contact our office or the Center for Election Systems at KSU for assistance.

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Is it a terrorist act for citizens to ask for election data that we are entitled to by Georgia Law?

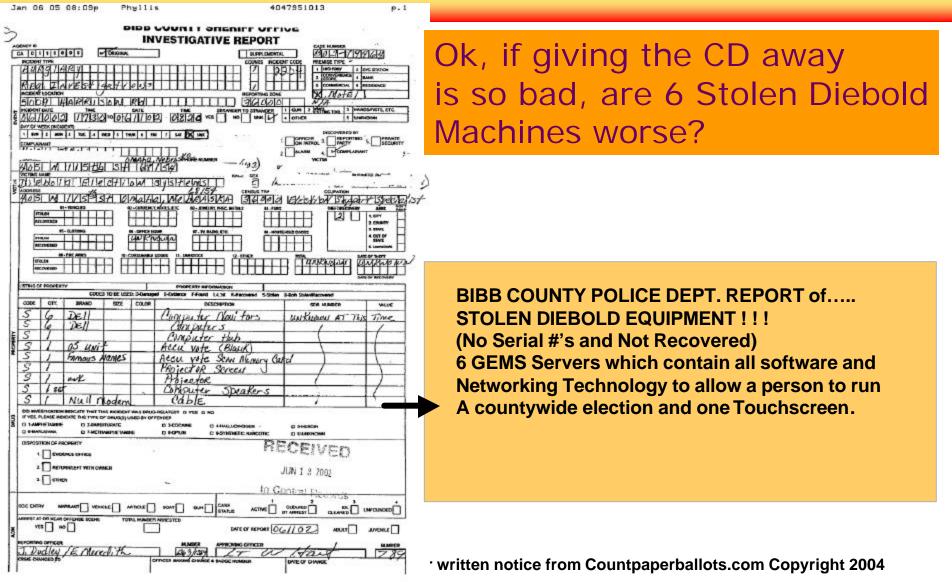
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# But, We don't really Mind if it's Stolen





# Stolen Equipment, What Stolen Equip?

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January 21, 2005

Ms. Phyllis Huster 1408 Lakes Drive Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Re: Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Huster:

The Office of the Secretary of State has received your request under the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70, regarding accessing and photocopying records related to stolen Diebold equipment during the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, as well as for records related to Diebold technicians who provided election related services to counties in Georgia during the November 2, 2004 General Election. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70, this letter will serve as a response regarding the accessibility of the records we understand you are requesting.

In response to the first category of your open records request, public records matching the description of your request do not exist in our office and are therefore unavailable for disclosure

In response to the second category of your open records request, public records matching the description of your request do exist and are included with this letter for your viewing. Please note, however, that the Open Records Act does not require an agency to create reports or records or prepare reports are records to include information you may be seeking, but instead only requires an agency to produce records as they exist.

As you aware, there is no charge for the first fifteen minutes for gathering and compiling information requested pursuant to the Act. The cost associated with copying the enclosed documents (4 pages) is very minimal, accordingly there is no charge associated with the production of these documents.

This letter implies the Sec. of State's Offices doesn't even have a copy of the previous police report.

Wow, there appears to be no concern Or investigation of stolen equipment, A condition that could put the entire GA election results at risk.

In response to the first category of your open records request, public records matching your request do not exist in our office and are therefore unavailable for disclosure.

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# Then, The clerks with "I Don't Have the CD"

12/28/2004 TUE 16:23 FAX

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Laverne D. Wheeler
CLERK OF SUPERIOR & JUVENILLE COURTS
BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA

December 28th, 2004

Phyllis A. Huster 1408 Lakes Drive Atlanta, GA 30339

I am in receipt of your fax (sender's reference number: 770.432.0199) received December 27th, 2004 at approximately 6:02 P.M. for Open Records Request regarding the November 2nd, 2004 General Election, and in response to that request I am informing you that the Clerk of Superior Court in our County does not maintain these records. I do not know who maintains these records. I suggest that you contact the Ben Hill County Board of Elections at telephone number (229) 426-5151 fax number (229) 426-5152. Or the Secretary of State, Elections Division at (404) 656-2871 fax number (404) 651-9531.

Yours truly,

Laverne L. Pette, chief Depu

Laverne D. Wheeler Clerk of Superior Court Ben Hill County, Georgia It's GA Law that Clerks or A Custodian have a Sealed Copy of Election Data!!!

### **Ben Hill County Response**

From Clerk of the Superior Court "I am informing You that the Clerk of Superior Court in our County Does not maintain these records. I do not Know who maintains these records"



# Georgia's Undervote Evaporation



#### For Immediate Release

November 18, 2004 Secretary Cox: New Data Shows Voting Accuracy Soared in 2004 Presidential Contest in Georgia

ATLANTA ... Secretary of State Cathy Cox today released newly compiled data from Georgia's November 2<sup>nd</sup> General Election showing that the accuracy of the vote count increased dramatically compared to the presidential election four years ago. Secretary Cox said the improvement was attributable to the deployment of a uniform electronic voting system in 2002.

Secretary Cox said the improvement in accuracy resulted in more than 103,000 additional Georgia ballots being properly counted in the presidential race this year.

In the presidential election in 2000, Georgia's undervote rate (sometimes called the residual vote rate) which is the percentage of ballots that registered no choice in the presidential race, was 3.5% of ballots cast. Academic researchers with the CalTech/MIT Voting Technology Project found that Georgia's undervote rate in 2000 was the second-worst in the nation.

Final data from the 2004 General Election reveals that the presidential undervote rate in this year's election plummeted – dropping nine-fold, to only 0.39%. Out of more than 3.3 million ballots cast this year, only 12.843 ballots registered no choice for president.

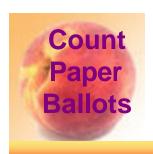
Effingham county Data 12/30/05

In Green Precinct NO Votes were almost 9% of the total Vote

Anecdotal FL/OH evidence shows Diebold defaults under/no votes To BUSH

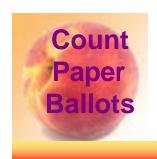
Are No and Under Votes
The Trojan horse of the 2004
Election?

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# Ways to Proceed, Ideas

Georgia Sunshine Laws require all Georgia government records be transparently accessed by citizens requesting such data.
 Grand Jury to get unsealed CD (Superior Court Judge Order)
 Personal appeals to Clerks/Election workers to share information
 Direct Challenge to this 50-17-2 Law to clerks, election workers, county attorneys, KSU, Cathy Cox's office
 Request directly to DRE Manufacturer
 ACLU, Georgia First Amendment Foundation and Many National organizations contacted about helping us get access to this data



# Interesting GA Election Codes

21-2-350: General requirements as to vote recorders.

- (6) It shall permit voting in absolute secrecy so that no person can see or know for Whom any other elector has voted or is voting, save an elector whom he or she has Assisted or is assisting in voting, as prescribed by law;
- (8) It shall when properly operated, record correctly and accurately every vote cast;
- (9) It shall be so constructed that an elector may readily learn the method of operating It
- 21-2-353 Examination and approval of vote recorders and tabulating machines by Secretary of State; appointment and compensation of examiners; revocation of approval; written verification and certification prior to election or primary; penalties; conflicts of interest.
- (g) Neither the Secretary of state, nor any custodian, nor the governing authority of any County or municipality or member of such authority nor any other person involved in the Examination process shall have any pecuniary interest in any vote recorder or tabulating machine or in the manufacture or sale therof.



# What Would Happen If?

# Official Georgia Election Results PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

100 % of precincts reporting GEORGE BUSH (R) 1,914,254 58.0 % JOHN KERRY (D) 1,366,149 41.4 % MICHAEL BADNARIK (Lib) 18,387 0.6 %

# Likely TRUE Georgia Election Results PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

100 % of precincts reporting
GEORGE BUSH (R) 46 %
JOHN KERRY (D) 51 %
MICHAEL BADNARIK (Lib) 3 %

10% Average
UNDERVOTES &
NOVOTES Were
Not Defaulted to Bush

Speculated Example of What would happen With a Different %age for Under/No Votes



## What To Do About It?

### **LEGAL**

Start several lawsuits challenging denial of Open Records to withhold open records requests (Check with ACLU and Check on state sunshine laws).

### **LEGISLATIVE**

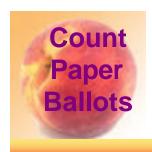
Work on Getting "Count The Paper Ballot" Legislation pushed thru both Senate/House

### **ACTIVIST**

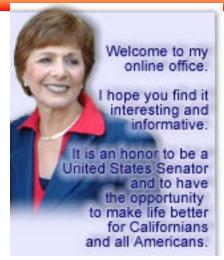
Protests / Rallys / Educational / Meetups / Fundraising / Houseparties on this Issue

### RECALL

Move Aggressively to Recall Legislators put in office unfairly due to election Fraud as well as Recall of Secretary of State



# A Call To Action, What U Can Do



FIRST, Call Senator Barbera Boxer (D-CA) And thank her for standing up Jan. 6 for Election Fraud (202) 224-3553 DC (415) 403-0100 SanFran Visit Often website

### www.countpaperballots.com

Attend Georgia Meetups in Little Five Points http://electionreform.meetup.com/50/

Start your own statewide chapter and start doing your Own "Open Records Act" or Freedom of Information Act Requests

Visit FreePress.org to support Bob Fritrakis and the folks Who helped start this fight in Ohio

Start Educating Friends/Family/Influencers on the Dangers of outsourcing our Votes in GA & the Need for a Paper Counted, Citizen Verified, Unbroken

Confidential: Do no Chain of Custody Voting System





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