



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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**DATE:** July 2, 2021

**TO:** Mr. Ian Piper  
Certification Director  
Dominion Voting Systems

**FROM:** Meagan Wolfe  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Amended Wisconsin Certification of Democracy Suite 4.14-D and 4.14-DS

Dear Mr. Piper,

As certified for use in Wisconsin beginning in 2015, the tabulation equipment included as a part of D-Suite 4.14-D and 4.14-DS, including the ImageCast Evolution (ICE), ImageCast Precinct (ICP), and ImageCast Central (ICC), were allowed to be programmed in such a way that tabulators reviewed the ballot for valid marks in both the oval and write-in box on the ballot as part of the ballot target area. This was intended to allow for the tabulator to identify write-in votes when the oval may not have been filled in by the voter. When functioning correctly, this feature aided election inspectors in the prompt review of ballots and tallying of write-in votes. However, as revealed by the voting equipment audit, if a heavy crease through the write-in box goes unnoticed when the voter has correctly marked an oval for a ballot candidate in the same contest, a false-positive overvote is a possible result.

At its February 3, 2021 meeting, the Commission voted to amend the Wisconsin state certification of Democracy Suite 4.14-D and 4.14-DS so that the target area of the ballot would be reduced to include only the oval. Under the amended certification, the write-in area of ballots is no longer considered to be part of the ballot target area. As ordered by the Elections Commission, any election programming, beginning with the April 2021 Spring Election, must be done in such a way that any ICE tabulator, or any other tabulator, operating on the Democracy Suite 4.14 software suite has a ballot target area consisting of only the oval marked by the voter. Pursuant to the Commission directive to amend the Democracy Suite state certification, the ICE tabulator, or any other tabulator, may no longer be programmed to review the write-in target area for marks, ambiguous or otherwise. County clerks have been made aware of the change in programming requirements. In the event that programming is completed by a vendor or a third-party representative and not by the county, the programming must be completed to the same standards as outlined above.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elections Commission Help Desk at [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov) or by calling 608-261-2028

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