



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving the Information Technology Business Case and Recommended Solutions for the purchase of upgraded ballot tabulation equipment and software.

WHEREAS, the number of King County voters who vote by absentee ballot currently fluctuates between approximately seventy and eighty percent in any given election, and

WHEREAS, sixty-two percent of all registered voters in King County are currently registered as permanent absentee voters, and

WHEREAS, King County's current ballot tabulation system is out of date and unable to efficiently manage the number of absentee ballots in county wide primary and general elections, and

WHEREAS, the King County council on June 19, 2006, passed Ordinance 15523 authorizing the director of the records, elections and licensing services division to conduct all elections entirely by mail ballot in accordance with state laws beginning in 2007 or 2008 as determined by the director if certain conditions are met, and

WHEREAS, conducting all elections in King County by mail will allow the county to focus resources and systems to gain efficiencies and increase security and accountability by limiting dependency on human interaction and ballot handling, and

WHEREAS, to gain the efficiencies and increase security and accountability with one third more mail ballots to be tabulated in a vote by mail environment, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Business Case fully complies with the guiding principles and

applicable requirements set forth in the Strategic Technology Plan 2006-2008, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Business Case has been reviewed and approved by the project review board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The Information Technology Business Case and Recommended Solutions attached to this motion are hereby approved. The aforementioned business case regarding the necessary purchase of an upgraded ballot tabulation system details all criteria outlined in the Ordinance 15623, Section 1, Proviso P12 including relative security, cost, reliability, functionality and usability. As a result, the recommendation for

the purchase of an upgraded ballot tabulation system as outlined in the Information Technology Business Case and Recommended Solutions is approved.