Section 2 – Election Management System

File 2-5 EMS Provisional

2.5 Describe how the proposed EMS configures BMD, PPS, and CSD for provisional balloting.

The voter is issued an activation card which gives them access to a provisional ballot. Once the voting session is completed and the ballot is printed, these provisional ballots go into a Provisional Ballot envelope, for central office processing, where current provisional ballot handling procedures will continue to be observed. The ICX BMD will be programmed to accept any county ballot once the activation is done, thus allowing an out of precinct voter to mark their ballot. If the voter is challenges after going thrpugh the in poll registration process, a poll worker could manually select a Provisional ballot be displayed for the voter.

For provisional voting, there is a provisional voting mode available for the ImageCast tabulators. Typically, when this mode is enabled on a machine, the ballot is scanned by the machine so that the voter can confirm with a review that it is being properly interpreted and then the ballot is given back. The ballot goes in an envelope for “Provisionals” and is only counted once the ballot is deemed legitimate (e.g. once the voter's eligibility is established at some point after the close of polls). The provisional votes are added to the results manually to be included in the final vote totals. The EMS Results Tally & Reporting software has the ability to provide summary results by precinct, by district, by county, and by contest for each vote category, such as: for election day, early voting, absentee voting, and total votes. Absentee by Mail, Early Voting (if used), Election Day, and Provisional Ballots can be defined as Counting Groups in Results Tally and Reporting, allowing this result report tracking.