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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Voting System Certification Hearing  
Set for Thursday and Friday, March 14th and 15th.**

Secretary Ben Ysursa today announced a Voting System Certification Hearing for the Election Systems and Software (ES&S) Unity 3.4.0.0 software upgrade and two new tabulators.

The certification hearing is part of the process to approve new voting systems for use in the state. Voting Systems must be certified by the Secretary of State before use in the state pursuant to section 34-2409, of the Idaho Code.

The equipment being tested includes the DS200 precinct count tabulator and the DS850 central count tabulator which count optical scanned paper ballots. The system software has been improved to enhance performance of previously certified equipment in the state.

Secretary Ysursa said "Any citizen who would like to participate in the hearing process is invited to attend. Public comment is important and appreciated when we examine a system that counts our votes."

The certification hearing will be held Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the JR Williams Building, 700 West State Street, West Conference Room, Boise, Idaho beginning at 8:30 AM both days.