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Edward Droesch, center, tries out a voting machine made by Dominion Voting Systems, with the assistance of David Moreno, right, at the Solano Events Center in downtown Fairfield, Tuesday, April 16, 2019. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

Solano County set to vote on upgraded election equipment

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experience, what our poll workers will experience and more importantly what the voters will experience.”

Each step in the presentation addressed a number of issues related to voting integrity and examined the transparency and ability to review the process. The ease-of-use functions were also key in the presentation, not only in the setup for poll workers but in the usability for voters.

The primary purpose for the new voting equipment is to help eliminate issues that have arisen in previous elections like the “pregnant” or “hanging” chads made famous by the Bush-Gore presidential election in 2000. Some of the systems presented also allowed poll workers to print additional ballots on site if the need arose.

The new machines aid in marking the ballot for voters to maximize voter intent and, with an eye on enfranchising voters as equally and completely as possible, the systems also have measures to reduce or eliminate undervote or overvote situations, which can be particularly important for local votes where only a few dozen votes might determine a city council or school board election.

The systems also have allowances for voters with visual or other physical disabilities that make the voting process much more independent.

“We really want voters to feel comfortable that they can vote privately and independently,” said Hart InterCivic’s Karen Clakeley.

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