

What is InkaVote Plus?

InkaVote Plus is an enhancement to the InkaVote paper ballot voting system used by Los Angeles County voters since 2003. It consists of three parts:

1. The **voting device** and the attached special ink marker. Each voter inserts the ballot into the device, securing the ballot over the red pins and then “inks” the ballot card.
2. The **precinct ballot reader (PBR)** sits on top of the ballot box. The PBR checks ballots for overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) and for completely blank ballots (undervotes) and notifies the voter. This provides a second chance for the voter to correct his/her ballot.
3. An **audio ballot booth** is available to assist voters with special needs. Voters who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and simple up/down arrow keypad. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote using the audio headset in Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Japanese, Korean, Spanish/ Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese. Other voters may also prefer to vote using the audio equipment. Once the voter has made selections, the audio ballot booth produces a paper ballot which the voter then inserts into the PBR.

How does InkaVote Plus protect the vote?

InkaVote Plus alerts voters to overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) or completely blank ballots. This allows for a second chance to make corrections. This protects the vote by insuring each voter’s choices are reflected properly.

How does the PBR work?

The InkaVote Plus precinct ballot reader (PBR) contains sensors in the ballot slot. When the sensors read an overvoted contest or a completely blank ballot, the ballot returns with a printed notification explaining the error. Ballots without such errors simply pass through the PBR and drop into the ballot box.

Is my vote still private?

Yes! The InkaVote ballot may be inserted into the PBR in any direction including upside down. The PBR returns the ballot to a voter only if he/she has overvoted a contest or cast a completely blank ballot. If so alerted, the voter then returns to the ballot booth to make the correction.

Can voters with disabilities use InkaVote Plus?

Yes! InkaVote Plus includes an **audio ballot booth** to provide an independent and private voting experience for voters who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise disabled. Using a private audio headset, voters with visual or other disabilities indicate voting choices using a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot. (Note: voting with the audio ballot does take more time due to “reading” the ballot prior to making selections.)

How does InkaVote Plus help voters with limited-English skills?

The audio ballot provides service in six languages in addition to English. Voters may choose an audio ballot in any of the languages mandated by the Federal Voting Rights Act: Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese.

For more information call the Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk at (562) 462-2716