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Dear Voting System Vendor,

The California Secretary of State's office is pleased to announce that on July 22, 2016, Assembly Bill (AB) 2252 was signed into law. This new law will allow voters with disabilities to independently and privately vote by mail using secure technology. The Secretary of State is proud to have sponsored and supported this bill.

AB 2252 defines a "remote accessible vote by mail system" as a mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic system and its software that is used for the sole purpose of marking an electronic vote by mail ballot remotely, outside a polling location, for a voter with disabilities or a military or overseas voter who would then be required to print the paper cast vote record to be submitted to their county elections official.

If you have a system or technology that meets the requirements of AB 2252, California Elections Code and federal law, we invite you to consider applying for testing and certification in California. You may access and download the application at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-systems/certification-and-approval/voting-system-approval/.

Please contact the California Secretary of State's Office of Voting System Technology Assessment at (916) 695-1658 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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