



## Electronic Voting Vendor Comparison

(This information is intended for comparison use. It is not all-inclusive and other vendors may also meet the necessary requirements as listed in the IEA Elections Handbook. Contact individual vendors for more details.)

| <b>Vendors</b>  | <a href="#"><u>Election Buddy</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Simply Voting</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Big Pulse</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Election Runner</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>EBallot</u></a>                            |
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| <b>Cost as of March 2021</b>  | 1-20 voters = free, then increases with more voters   | 20-250 voters = \$200   | 3, 6, or 12 mo. plan<br>3 mo./20 voters = \$490, 100 voters=\$540                       | 1-20 voters = free, 21-100 voters = \$15, 101-300 voters=\$29   | 1-50 voters = \$41.94 for 6 months                        |
| <b>Accessible using all types of devices?</b>   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   |
| <b>Self-managed or fully managed system?</b>  | Both  | Both  | Both  | Both  | Both  |
| <b>Who develops the election materials?</b>   | Option for either self or fully managed   | Client provides information   | Client or Big Pulse   | Client  | Client  |
| <b>How are nominations handled? Can nominations be submitted online as well as hard copy?</b> | Online nomination forms fully customizable. Hard copy nominations would be users responsibility | Can have a write-in style "election". System does NOT contact the nominee or allow upload of candidate info | Electronic nomination system that allows for submission of candidate statement and pics | Handled separately via hard copy or email, or run separate election for nominations using write-in option | Typically online, but potentially could incorporate paper |
| <b>Can the ballots be customized with logo?</b>   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   |
| <b>How is ballot position determined?</b>   | Random  |   |   | Determined by client  | Random or by client                                       |
| <b>Are sample ballots generated or ballot testing available?</b>                              | Ballot testing is available prior to election going live  | Proofs/samples for fully managed. Preview links for self managed  | Full testing of pre-launch polls in test mode status.                                   | Can preview while the election is in the "building" state   | Can generate sample ballots                               |
| <b>How is voter eligibility verified?</b>   | List of eligible voters provided by client  | Local provides list of eligible voters  | Client provides list of eligible voters   | Voter IDs and keys (see below)  | Clients provide list of eligible voters                   |

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| <b>How is one person, one vote insured?</b>                          | single use authentication personal voting keys  | See Voting System Security Overview document       | Multiple sign-in options-- links sent by email, PINs, other personal data              | Voter IDs and keys, randomly generated   | Single use username and access code for each voter                    |
| <b>How is the secrecy of the vote insured?</b>                       | Encrypted so that all votes are confidential  | See Voting System Security Overview document       | Encrypted personal data used for authentication  | Votes are encrypted. Administrators can see IF a person has voted but not HOW. | Third party admins will not share data, results tabulated anonymously |
| <b>Do voters get a confirmation?</b>                                 | Yes   | Yes, each voter is issued a receipt.               | A vote receipt is issued for each vote.  | Voters can download a ballot receipt   | Yes   |
| <b>Can you provide paper ballots upon request?</b>                   | Yes   | Yes  | No   | No. Client can handle paper ballots and log them in to website                 | Yes, work out details with client                                     |
| <b>How are paper ballots handled upon return ?</b>                   | Handled by client, or sent to Election Buddy (double envelope method)                           | Full protocol for handling mailed in paper ballots | N/A  | No. Client can handle paper ballots and log them in to website                 |   |
| <b>How is tally done?</b>  | Results immediately available when the vote ends.   | Results immediately tabulated when voting ends.    | Results are available immediately after vote closes.                                   | Results shown as pie chart with total votes and %'s                            | Results are tabulated electronically                                  |
| <b>How are ties determined/noted?</b>                                | Results would indicate ties   | Election organizer interprets results              |  | Results show # and % of votes. Client interprets data.                         | Results indicate a tie and client notified                            |
| <b>How are candidates and local association notified of results?</b> | Administrator can share results/reports with voters via email, text message or on local website | Organizer downloads and publishes results          | Results can be sent as a link to a secure webpage, and can also be sent to all members | Results can be published   | Up to the discretion of the client                                    |
| <b>Is there a report feature</b>                                     | Yes   | Yes  |  | Yes  |   |