

**Minutes**  
**State Election Commission Meeting**  
**April 11, 2022**

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The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Judy Blackburn at 12:00 Noon, Central Daylight Time, April 11, 2022.

The following members and staff were present: Commissioners Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, and Kathy Summers, Elections Specialist.

Commissioner McDonald made a motion to adopt the January 10, 2022, minutes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to adopt the February 24, 2022, telephonic meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Younce.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to adopt the March 11, 2022, telephonic meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner McDonald made a motion pursuant to TCA. § § 2-12-101 and 2-12-106 to approve any nomination(s) for county election commission appointments submitted, and to leave the nomination process open until 4:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Monday, April 11, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.) **(See attached county election commission appointments made.)**

**Old Business**

- None Given

**New Business**

- **Hart InterCivic – Michael Choate, Certification Project Manager – Certification request for approval of de minimis change to Verity 2.5.**

Michael Choate gave a presentation requesting approval of de minimis changes to Verity 2.5. **(See attached presentation given.)**

Commissioner McDonald made a motion to approve Verity 2.5 de minimis changes, seconded by Commissioner Duckett.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce;  
No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

- **Review Candidate(s) Names in Accordance with TCA § 2-5-204 (c)**

- **Robby Starbuck Newsom – Requested name to appear on ballot as Robby Starbuck.**

Coordinator Goins briefed the commission on the requirement of candidates being listed on the ballot by their surname. Robby Starbuck Newsom wants his name to appear on the ballot as Robby Starbuck. Mr. Newsom's voter registration and Tennessee Driver's License show his legal name as Robert Starbuck Newsom. Coordinator Goins advised commission members they need to determine if Mr. Newsome's name would be misleading or confusing if he appeared on the ballot as Robby Starbuck.

Mr. Newsom spoke before the commission and provided handouts as to why he should appear on the ballot as Robby Starbuck. Mr. Newsom advised the commission he is known as Robby Starbuck with family, friends, and the public. Mr. Newsom stated on all legal documents he uses Robert Starbuck Newsom. Mr. Newsom has investigated getting his name legally changed, but the name would not be changed before the November election. **(See attached documents provided by Mr. Newsom.)**

Commissioner Duckett made a motion that Mr. Newsom's name, as submitted on his petition, would be misleading and confusing, should his name appear on the ballot that his surname Newsom should be included on the ballot, seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce;  
No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

- **County Election Commission Residency Qualifications**

Chairman Blackburn discussed a recent county election commission appointment she made where the appointee did not meet residency requirements.

Coordinator Goins advised commission members one other commission member has been identified as not meeting residency requirements prior to appointment, and the appointee had voted in another state. Coordinator Goins suggested residency should be confirmed with the appointee and that it is his opinion this person is not eligible to serve on the county election commission.

Commissioner McDonald suggested adding to the county election commission appointment form the below questions and information.

Are you a registered voter who has been a resident of the state for five (5) years and a resident of the county for which you are appointed for two (2) years?    \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_no

Will you provide documents which will prove you are a legal resident of the state and county, if requested? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**Note:** Acceptable proof may be found at: <https://www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/dlproof.html>.

Commissioner McDonald made a motion to add residency information to the appointment form, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

- **Election of Chairman for the term of May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner McDonald to elect Kent Younce as Chairman of the State Election Commission.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

- **Election of Secretary for the term of May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner McDonald to elect Greg Duckett as Secretary of the State Election Commission.

(Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Duckett, Eldridge, McDonald, Wheeler and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

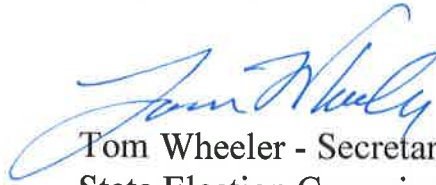
### **Coordinator Update**

- Coordinator Goins discussed recent legislation requiring congressional candidates to have voted in three (3) previous statewide general elections prior to being nominated as a candidate for election. The Governor did not sign this piece of legislation prior to the qualifying deadline. Coordinator Goins stated if there were a residency challenge for congressional office, the State Election Commission would hold the hearing to determine residency.
- Coordinator Goins stated a trial court moved the Senate qualifying deadline to May 5, 2022. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case.
- Coordinator Goins discussed legislation regarding a paper audit trail. Fifteen million has been appropriated to the supplemental budget, which will be applied to HAVA funds, for counties to use to buy machines that meet the requirement for a voter verified paper audit trail. Implementation would be required by 2024, unless a hardship is provided by a county.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m. Central Time.

The next scheduled meeting is set for July 11, 2022, and will be held in the William R. Snodgrass – Tennessee Tower, Nashville Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 12:00 Noon, Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", is written over the printed name.

Tom Wheeler - Secretary  
State Election Commission

# State of Tennessee



**State Election Commission**  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 7th Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

## Vacant Status

*April 11, 2022*

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<b>Benton</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett
	R
<b>Fentress</b>	R Kent Younce / D Tom Wheeler
	R
<b>Giles</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett
	R
	R
<b>Hickman</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett
	D
<b>Rutherford</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Mike McDonald
	D
<b>Shelby</b>	R Jimmy Eldridge / D Greg Duckett
	D

**Total Vacancies: 7**

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## New Appointment Status

*April 11, 2022*

		Appointment
<b>Benton</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett	
	R Barry Carl Hughart	4/11/2022
<b>Giles</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett	
	R Kathy Martin Bassham	4/11/2022
	R Steven Christopher "Chris" Morris	4/11/2022
<b>Hickman</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Greg Duckett	
	D Kim Walker	4/11/2022
<b>Rutherford</b>	R Donna Barrett / D Mike McDonald	
	D Melbra Renee Rachell	4/11/2022
<b>Shelby</b>	R Jimmy Eldridge / D Greg Duckett	
	D Vanecia Kimbrow	4/11/2022
<b>Total New Commissioners: 6</b>		

Hart InterCivic  
Voting System  
Presentation

Verity 2.5 – de minimis Changes

April 11, 2022

- Michael Choate, Certification Program Manager

## **PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFYING VOTING MACHINES BY THE TENNESSEE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

All voting machines/vendors must receive certification from the state election commission and the coordinator of elections before any voting machines or systems may be sold in the State of Tennessee.

### **First Step:**

Any interested vendor should submit a written request to the coordinator of elections and the state election commission requesting certification of your company together with the EAC certification number, a financial report and a list of all states that have already bought your voting machines or systems. If you would like to demonstrate your product at a meeting of the state election commission, please make that request in your letter. You will be notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting where you may make your presentation.

### **Second Step:**

#### **A. Voting Machine Procedure**

Following verification of EAC certification and an initial presentation of your product and/or services, you would need to arrange for at least two (2) State Election Commissioners (of opposite parties) and the coordinator of elections (or designee) to view your machines or system in use in an election of a substantial size in another state. An election of a substantial size involves at the minimum the following characteristics:

- The jurisdiction has a population of at least 10,000 persons;
- The jurisdiction has at least two (2) or more district races on the ballots; and
- There are at least two (2) contested races involving both at large and district races on the ballot.

#### **B. Voting Machine Software or Hardware Upgrade**

- EAC Certification;
- Presentation of upgrade before State Election Commission at a meeting; and
- Viewing of upgrade in another state (In lieu of viewing machine in another state, at the discretion of the State Election Commission, letters of recommendation from users in other jurisdiction may be used as support for approval.)

#### **C. De Minimis Voting System Changes**

- Any De Minimis change to an EAC certified voting system shall be submitted to the state election commission and coordinator of elections to be approved. For purposes of approval of the de minimis change to the voting system, all that will be required is a letter from the EAC stating the change is de minimis, unless further information is requested by the state election commission or coordinator of elections.

### **Third Step:**

The State Election Commission must vote to certify the machine in order for the machines to be used in an election in Tennessee.

You may send any correspondence for both the state election commission and the coordinator of elections to the following address:

312 Rosa L.Parks Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
William R. Snodgrass Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
(615) 741-7956

If you have any further questions regarding certification of your company, please feel free to contact the office of the state election coordinator at the phone number listed above.



## Kathy Summers

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**From:** Michael Choate <mchoate@hartic.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** Kathy Summers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] De minimis change request for Verity 2.5  
**Attachments:** ECO HRT 01461 Approval 03232021.pdf; ECO-01461 Summary - Correct Paging File Setting Procedure on Verity 2.5 Devices 4005689 A00.pdf; Hart ECO-01461 SLI Compliance Assessment Letter.pdf; Hart ECO-01461 SLI Compliance Data\_TDP De Minimis Change Evaluation.pdf

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Kathy,

Please find attached all documentation necessary to request a de minimis change for Verity 2.5. All technical and EAC approval documentation is attached for ECO 001461, Correct Paging File Setting Procedure.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,  
MC



Michael W. Choate, JD, CIPM  
Certification Program Manager

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March 23, 2021

Sent via e-mail

Pam Geppert, Senior Director of Product Management  
Hart InterCivic  
15500 Wells Port Drive  
Austin, TX 78728

**Re: ECO 01461**

Dear Ms. Geppert,

This correspondence is to inform you that Hart ECO 01461 is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Aumayr", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Aumayr  
Senior election Technology Specialist

Cc: SLI Compliance



# ECO-01461 Change Summary

## Correct Paging File Setting Procedure on Verity 2.5 Devices

February 18, 2021

Doc. 4005689

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	Document Number:	Revision:
	4005689	A.00
	Document Name:	
	ECO-01461 Change Summary: Correct Paging File Setting Procedure on Verity 2.5 Devices	
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**Change History**

Version	Date	Author(s)	Description
A.00	02/18/2021	J. Bernal	Initial release.

**Owners and List of Contacts**

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## 1 SUMMARY

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This ECO modifies the device Operating System procedure to create the pagefile.sys file on devices in Verity Voting 2.5 after the Unified Write Filter (UWF) is applied. Hart determined that the paging file settings were removed by the Windows 10 UWF during the device security hardening processes.

Updated device CFast cards are created to account for the updated procedure and the *Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document for Verity 2.5* (4005675) is updated to move the pagefile.sys creation until after UWF is enabled to account for Windows 10 behavior.

There is no change to Verity 2.5 software.

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## 2 REASON / JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

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Verity Voting 2.5 paging file settings must be consistent with prior releases of Verity. Verity's software system limit controls are dependent on the paging file being present.

The Verity Voting 2.5 modification included the transition from a Windows 7 (Windows Embedded Standard 7) to a Windows 10 (Windows 10 Enterprise 2019 LTSC) based Operating System.

A notable difference between Windows 7 and Windows 10 is regarding the behavior when the Write Filter is enabled, a feature Verity utilizes in its defense model to enable immutability.

Hart followed its documented process, the Verity Device OS Creation and Configuration document, to perform OS configuration, product installs, and security hardening on devices for Verity 2.5. This document describes the creation of pagefile.sys file during the creation of the configured base OS, prior to Verity software installs and security hardening. Hart's quality audits found that the pagefile.sys file was missing on Verity 2.5 devices. Hart determined that UWF used on Windows 10 deletes all paging file settings upon activation, a behavior that differs from the analogous feature, Enhanced Write Filter (EWF), on Windows 7. The documented process must be updated due to this change in behavior, and the paging file must be enabled on all Verity 2.5 device images.

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## 3 DESCRIPTIONS OF CHANGES

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### 3.1 Documentation Change

The *Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document for Verity 2.5* (Document Number: 4005563) has been updated to move the creation of the paging file from the *Configuring the WIN10 Image for Verity* section on page 39 to the *Creating Verity Device Images* section on page 49, just following the step to enable UWF, as UWF disables all paging file configuration.

The document is updated to revision A.01 to count for this change and can be found in the attached archive: *4005689A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip*

### 3.2 Impacted Device Images

All Verity device images will be updated to enable the creation of the pagefile.sys system file.

- Updated CFast cards are provided. All CFasts are labeled with "ECO-01461".
- There is no impact to the Base OS master image CFast, as the paging file is now made during the creation of each Verity device image.

- There is no change to the Verity device software and there will be no change to the hash validation. The device hash files have been provided in the attached archive: *4005689A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip*.

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#### 4 DATA JUSTIFYING CHANGE

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The change described on this ECO has been fully tested by Hart's Quality Assurance Engineering team. Please see the *ECO-01461 QA Test Report for Verity 2.5 with paging file enabled on Devices* (Document Number: 4005690) for full details. The report can be found in the attached archive: *4005689A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip*

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#### 5 JUSTIFICATION OF DE MINIMIS CHANGE STATUS

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- These changes do not materially alter the system's reliability.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's functionality.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's capability.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's operation.

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#### 6 DE MINIMIS CHANGE DEFINITION

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From the United States Election Assistance Commission's Document titled: Voting System Testing & Certification Program Manual, Version 2.0.

**3.4.2. De Minimis Change—Defined.** A de minimis change is a change to a certified voting system's hardware, software, TDP, or data, the nature of which will not materially alter the system's reliability, functionality, capability, or operation.

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March 11, 2021

Director, Voting System Testing & Certification  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re:** Hart ECO-01461 - Correct Paging File Setting Procedure on Verity 2.5 Devices

Dear Mr. Lovato,

Hart has requested that SLI Compliance review ECO-01461 and supporting documentation to determine if the proposed update can be considered de minimis.

**Summary Description:**

This ECO modifies the device Operating System procedure to create the pagefile.sys file on devices in Verity Voting 2.5 after the Unified Write Filter (UWF) is applied. Hart determined that the paging file settings were removed by the Windows 10 UWF during the device security hardening processes.

Updated device CFast cards are created to account for the updated procedure and the Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document for Verity 2.5 (4005675) is updated to move the pagefile.sys creation until after UWF is enabled to account for Windows 10 behavior.

There is no change to Verity 2.5 software.

**Reference Documents:**

- EAC 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Volume II, Sec. 1 & 4
- EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual V. 2, Sec. 3.4 & 3.5

**Documentation used in SLI's Assessment:**

- ECO-01461 Summary - Correct Paging File Setting Procedure on Verity 2.5 Devices  
4005689 A00
- 4005689A\_Supporting\_Documents



- TDP Update:
  - Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document Verity 2.5 4005675 A00 vs A01
- Device Hash Manifests:
  - Captured Following ECO-01461 Change
  - Comparisons
- QA Test Report:
  - ECO-01461 QA Test Report for Verity 2.5 with paging file enabled on Devices 4005690 A00

**Conclusion:**

Verity Voting 2.5 paging file settings must be consistent with prior releases of Verity. Verity's software system limit controls are dependent on the paging file being present.

The Verity Voting 2.5 modification included the transition from a Windows 7 (Windows Embedded Standard 7) to a Windows 10 (Windows 10 Enterprise 2019 LTSC) based Operating System.

A notable difference between Windows 7 and Windows 10 is regarding the behavior when the Write Filter is enabled, a feature Verity utilizes in its defense model to enable immutability.

Hart followed its documented process, the Verity Device OS Creation and Configuration document, to perform OS configuration, product installs, and security hardening on devices for Verity 2.5. This document describes the creation of pagefile.sys file during the creation of the configured base OS, prior to Verity software installs and security hardening. Hart's quality audits found that the pagefile.sys file was missing on Verity 2.5 devices. Hart determined that UWF used on Windows 10 deletes all paging file settings upon activation, a behavior that differs from the analogous feature, Enhanced Write Filter (EWF), on Windows 7. The documented process must be updated due to this change in behavior, and the paging file must be enabled on all Verity 2.5 device images.

SLI Compliance has reviewed the submitted documentation from Hart. This included a review of the change to Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document Verity 2.5 4005675 A01, internal QA testing performed by Hart, and hash files generated during Hart QA testing.

SLI Compliance performed additional analysis. This included setting up the devices, verifying the hash files for each device CFast are equivalent to the currently certified versions as well as the files generated by Hart during their internal QA testing, verifying the addition of pagefile.sys to the CFasts, and exercising the functionality of the system with a General and Open Primary election for regression testing purposes. All testing passed with no issues or anomalies observed.

As required under section 3.4.3 of the EAC's Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual Version 2.0, and in accordance with the instruction provided in *NOC 19-01: Software De Minimis Changes*, SLI Compliance considers the nature of ECO-01461 to be De Minimis and therefore not to affect the Federal certification status for the Verity 2.5 voting system.

If you have questions regarding this assessment, please contact Jon Panek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Traci Mapps", written in a cursive style.

Traci Mapps  
Director

# SLI Compliance

## Data and/or TDP De Minimis Evaluation & Review Form

<b>Vendor:</b>	Hart InterCivic	<b>Date:</b>	3/11/2021
<b>Change ID:</b>	ECO-01461	<b>System(s):</b>	Verity 2.5
<b>Product:</b>	Verity 2.5 Devices: Controller, Print, Scan, Scan w/Relay, Touch, Touch Writer, Touch Writer Duo, Touch Writer Duo Standalone	<b>Relevant Application(s):</b>	N/A

Put an X in the appropriate box(es):

X	<b>TDP Change</b>
X	<b>Data Change</b>

### Change Summary Description

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### Manufacturer Reasoning for De Minimis determination

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Put an X in the appropriate box:




Change Evaluation		Comments
	The change affects the form, fit or function of the voting system component(s) and therefore requires further testing to be performed.	
X	<b>De Minimis change:</b> a change to a certified voting system's data and/or TDP, the nature of which will not materially alter the system's reliability, functionality, capability, or operation	The requested changes do not materially affect the system's reliability, functionality, capability or operation.
X	<b>System documentation:</b> The manufacturer has provided a description of how this change will impact any relevant system documentation and has provided the updated documentation, if applicable.	<p>The <i>Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document for Verity 2.5</i> (Document Number: 4005563) has been updated to move the creation of the paging file from the <i>Configuring the WIN10 Image for Verity</i> section on page 39 to the <i>Creating Verity Device Images</i> section on page 49.</p> <p>The document has been revised from A00 to A01 for this change.</p> <p>An additional change has been made to the document to remove the section regarding removing Internet Explorer 11 executables as it was redundant within the document.</p>

#### SLI Compliance Evaluation and De Minimis Determination

SLI Compliance has reviewed the submitted documentation from Hart. This included a review of the change to Device OS Creation and Configuration Process Document Verity 2.5 4005675 A01, internal QA testing performed by Hart, and hash files generated during Hart QA testing.

SLI Compliance performed additional analysis. This included setting up the devices, verifying the hash files for each device CFast are equivalent to the currently certified versions as well as the files generated by Hart during their internal QA testing, verifying the addition of pagefile.sys to the CFasts, and exercising the functionality of the system with a General and Open Primary election for regression testing purposes. All testing passed with no issues or anomalies observed.

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	Approved by/Title	Signature:	Date:
	Jon Panek Manager		March 11, 2021
	Traci Mapps Director		March 11, 2021

Data and/or TDP De Minimis Evaluation & Review Form		<p>Page 2 of 2 Template Rev 2015-02</p> <p><b>Confidential</b></p>
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## Kathy Summers

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**From:** Michael Choate <mchoate@hartic.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** Kathy Summers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ECO 1512 - De minimis Change Request  
**Attachments:** ECO-01512 Summary - Update Cable Drawings and Clerical BOM Corrections 4005804 A01.pdf; Hart ECO-01512 Approval 020422.pdf; SLI Evaluation Hart ECO-01512 Update Cable Drawings and Clerical BOM Corrections.pdf; SLI Hart ECO-01512\_Update Cable Drawings and Clerical BOM Corrections\_Assessment Letter.pdf

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Kathy,

Please find attached all necessary documents pertaining to our de minimis change request, ECO 1512. This is a clerical change regarding cable diagrams and does not represent any structural change to any system currently certified in TN.

Let me know if you have any questions. I imagine this will be set for the meeting in April as well?

Thank you,  
MC



Michael W. Choate, JD, CIPM  
Certification Program Manager

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ECO-01512 Change Summary  
Update Cable Drawings and Clerical  
BOM Corrections

January 18, 2022

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**Change History**

Version	Date	Author(s)	Description
A.00	01/18/2022	J. Bernal	Initial release.
A.01	01/30/2022	J. Bernal	Added test data section 3.3.1

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## 1 SUMMARY

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## 2 REASON / JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

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The changes described in this ECO are primarily clerical in nature to ensure manufacturing documentation is unambiguous and clear. Additional ECO changes are to mitigate long lead times.

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## 3 DESCRIPTIONS OF CHANGES

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### 3.1 Duo Baseboard Clerical BOM Correction

A reference designator, C121, that determines the installation location of a capacitor component is erroneously listed on two different item numbers on Verity Duo series baseboards. This ECO removes C121 from Item 1005464 on the following BOMs:

**Item Number:** 2005710

**Description:** PCBA, BASEBOARD, 12V PRINTER, TOUCH WRITER DUO

**Revision:** Updated from F to G

**Item Number:** 2005780

**Description:** PCBA, BASEBOARD, 12V PRINTER, TOUCH WRITER DUO STANDALONE

**Revision:** Updated from B to C

This change is clerical in nature only and had no effect on production.

Updated Assembly BOMs can be found in the file *4005804A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip*.

### 3.2 Cable Drawing Overmold Clarification

The cable assembly drawings described in this section have been updated to clarify that tooling points, "pinhole" artifacts due to the connector overmold application process, shall be covered on the completed cable assembly.

The changes to the drawings listed below clarify Hart's requirements by making covered tooling points explicit and is made to prevent rejections at incoming inspection.

**Item Number:** 2005312

**Description:** CABLE, DAISY CHAIN, USB 3.0, B-B, 5M

**Revision:** E to F

**Change:** Add to Note 7 that all tooling points are to be covered on the connector overmold and update views of connectors P1 and P2 to remove overmold "pinhole" features.

**Item Number:** 2005404

**Description:** CABLE, USB 2.0, CUSTOM A - STD B, 6 FT

**Revision:** G to H

**Change:** Add to Note 7 that all tooling points are to be covered on the connector overmold.

**Item Number:** 2005414

**Description:** CABLE, USB 2.0, CUSTOM A - STD B, 6 FT, W/FERRITE

**Revision:** G to H

**Change:** Update view of connector P2 to remove overmold "pinhole" features

Updated Assembly drawings can be found in the file *4005804A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip*.

### 3.3 Cable Alternate Construction

Cable 2005407 is an internal ribbon cable used to connect the thermal report printer to the Verity device baseboard, where thermal report printers are used. This change adds an alternate construction method to have the Hart CM purchase and assemble the ribbon cable and connectors, rather than purchase as a completed assembly.

A new cable assembly part is created as 2005798, which is then added as an alternate to the 2005407 AML. The Hart controlled specifications do not change, so the cable assembly assembled by the Hart CM is identical to prior revisions and was validated in manufacturing level testing described in section 3.3.1.

**Item Number:** 2005798

**Description:** CABLE ASSY, PRINTER, DATA & POWER, .1C, 26P, 10.5 IN

**Revision:** Created at Rev A

**Item Number:** 2005407

**Description:** CABLE, PRINTER, DATA & POWER, .1C, 26P, 10.5 IN

**Revision:** Updated from D to E

**AML:** Updated as shown below

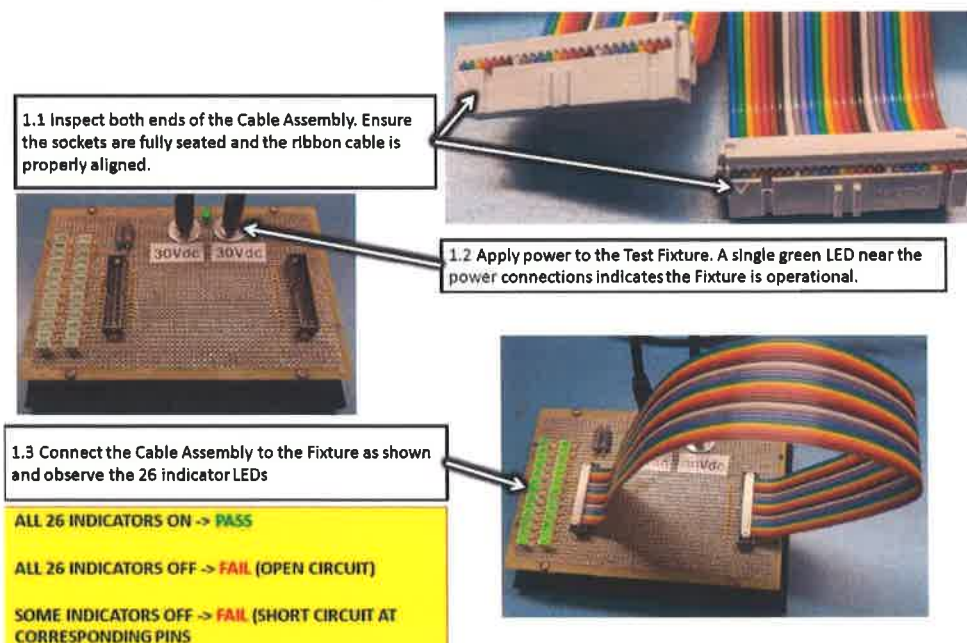
Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number	Preferred/Alternate	Status
Samtec	ASP-183222-01	Preferred	Existing part
Hart CM	2005798	Alternate	Added on ECO-01512

Assembly drawing for 2005798 and AML for 2005407 may be found in the file 4005804A\_Supporting\_Documents.zip.

#### 3.3.1 Testing Data and Processes

The following processes were performed on an initial sample of 10 Hart CM built cables and all processes will be repeated to validate 100% of all cables assembled.

The cables were immediately validated after assembly by the Hart CM using a purpose-built test fixture to validate that all 26 wires make good contact with no open or short circuits, as shown below.



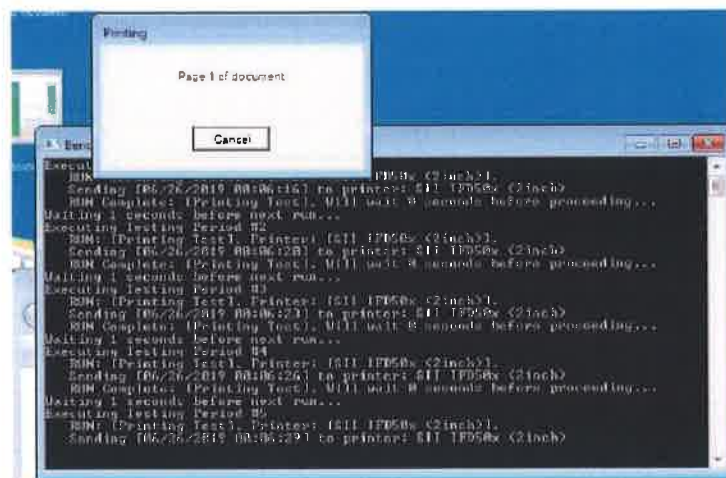
The cables were then installed into Verity devices equipped with Manufacturing Testing Utilities. The utilities are used to validate that all hardware in a manufactured Verity device is functional.

The thermal report printer was first tested to be functional with the supplied cable by running a 5-line print test:

6.2 Printer will print 5 Lines of Text.  
Check that date and time prints clearly  
and legibly



6.3 The Program will close automatically



An 8-hour burn-in test was then performed that continually operates the hardware on the device including the thermal report printer.

Lastly, a Verity software CFast was installed, and a test election was loaded. A sample election was run on the device and device tests were run from within the Verity software to ensure all equipped hardware was functional and working as inspected within Verity software, as shown below.

4.1 From Device Tests,  
select "Print thermal test  
page"



VERIFY THAT THERMAL TEST  
PAGE PRINTED AS SHOWN.



All sample cables built by the Hart CM passed testing successfully.

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## 4 JUSTIFICATION OF MINOR CHANGE STATUS

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- These changes do not materially alter the system's reliability.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's functionality.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's capability.
- These changes do not materially alter the system's operation.

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## 5 MINOR CHANGE DEFINITION

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From the United States Election Assistance Commission's Document titled: Voting System Testing & Certification Program Manual, Version 3.0.

**3.5.1. Minor Change — Defined.** A minor change is a change to a certified voting system's hardware, software, technical data package (TDP), or data, the nature of which will not materially alter the system's reliability, functionality, capability, or operation...

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**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**  
**633 3rd St. NW, Suite 200**  
**Washington, DC 20001**

February 4, 2022

**Sent via email**

Pam Geppert, Senior Director of Product Management  
Hart InterCivic  
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Austin, TX 78728

**Re: ECO 01512**

Dear Ms. Geppert,

This correspondence is to inform you that Hart ECO 01512 is approved.

Sincerely,

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Eugene Burton  
Senior Election Technology Specialist

Cc: SLI Compliance

## SLI Compliance Engineering Change Evaluation and Review Form

<b>Vendor:</b>	Hart InterCivic	<b>Date:</b>	01-Feb-22
<b>Change ID:</b>	ECO-01512	<b>System(s):</b>	Applicable Verity Releases: All
<b>Product:</b>	Update cable drawings and clerical corrections. Alternate construction method for an internal cable.		

### Change Summary Description

**Summary:** ECO-01512 makes several clarifying clerical updates and adds an additional construction method for an existing internal device cable. There are no changes to the production Verity device assemblies. The following changes are made in this ECO:

- Clerical Verity Duo series baseboards correction. A duplicate reference designator is removed.
- Three cable drawings are updated to clarify that any connector tooling points are to be covered.
- An alternate construction method for an internal cable is provided.

**Reason:** The changes described in this ECO are primarily clerical in nature to ensure manufacturing documentation is unambiguous and clear.

Change Evaluation		Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	The change affects the form, fit or function of the equipment and therefore requires hardware testing to be performed. The testing requirements are defined in the Hardware Test Matrix table below. Any changes made to a system under test will result in the manufacturer supplying a list and detailed description of all changes.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Minor change order:</b> A minor change order is a change to a certified voting system's hardware, software, Technical Data Package (TDP), or data, the nature of which will not materially alter the system's reliability, functionality, capability, or operation.	The requested changes do not affect the system's reliability, functionality, capability, or operation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>System documentation:</b> The manufacturer has provided a description of how this change will impact any relevant system documentation and has provided the updated documentation, if applicable.	Updates will not go into effect until after the EAC ruling.




### Summary Comments

Manufacturer level testing uses the MVT (Manufacturing Verification Test) cFast card, the one-use during emissions testing, to exercise every device that is manufactured. This is a burn-in to make sure everything is working consistently. Lastly, they utilize a real Verity cFast card and run through a test election. A sample election was run on the device and device tests were run from within the Verity software to ensure all equipped hardware was functional and working as inspected within Verity software.



All proposed update cable drawings and clerical BOM corrections on manufacturing documentation is appropriate.

As required under section 3.5.1 of the EAC's Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual Version 3.0, Hart InterCivic has provided the necessary information to verify the ECO-01512 is a minor change and therefore not to affect the Federal certification status for all applicable Verity releases. No additional testing is required at this time.

	Approved by/Title	Signature:	Date:
	Darrick Forester Hardware Test Engineer		01-Feb-22
	Traci Mapps Vice President, SLI Compliance		01-Feb-22





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February 1, 2022

Director, Voting System Testing and Certification  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Hart ECO-01512 – Update Cable Drawings and Clerical BOM Corrections**

Dear Mr. Panek,

Hart has requested that SLI review ECO-01512 and supporting documentation to determine if the proposed updates can be considered a minor change.

**Summary Description:**

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**Reference Documents:**

- EAC 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Volume II, Sec. 1 & 4
- EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual Version 3.0, Sec. 3.5.1

**Documentation used in SLI's Assessment:**

- ECO-01512 Summary - Update Cable Drawings and Clerical BOM Corrections 4005804 A01
- 4005804A\_Supporting\_Documents:
  - AML:
    - 2005407 AML Rev E.pdf - Cable , Printer, data & Power, .1C, 26P, 10.5 IN
    - 2005407 AML Rev E.png - Cable , Printer, data & Power, .1C, 26P, 10.5 IN

- Duo Baseboard Clerical BOM Corrections:
  - 2005710 BOM RevG.pdf
  - 2005780 BOM RevC.pdf
- Cable Drawing Overmold Clarification:
  - 2005312F-Verity Daisy-Chain Cable.pdf
  - 2005404H USB A to B, Crossover, 6ft.pdf
  - 2005414H USB Custom A - Std B 6ft w-Ferrite.pdf
  - 2005798 ASSY, Printer, RevA.pdf – Cable Alternate Construction

**Conclusion:**

All proposed update cable drawings and clerical BOM corrections on manufacturing documentation is appropriate.

Manufacturer level testing uses the MVT (Manufacturing Verification Test) cFast card, the one use during emissions testing, to exercise every device that is manufactured. This is a burn-in to make sure everything is working consistently. Lastly, they utilize a real Verity cFast card and run through a test election. A sample election was run on the device and device tests were run from within the Verity software to ensure all equipped hardware was functional and working as inspected within Verity software.

As required under section 3.5.1 of the EAC's Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual Version 3.0, Hart InterCivic has provided the necessary information to verify the ECO-01512 is a minor change and therefore not to affect the Federal certification status for all applicable Verity releases. No additional testing is required at this time.

Please refer to the attached SLI Evaluation Hart ECO-01512 form for additional information.

If you have questions regarding this assessment, please contact Darrick Forester.

Sincerely,



Traci Mapps  
Vice President, SLI Compliance



State of Tennessee

ECO 1512 and ECO 1461





# Agenda



1. What is an ECO?
2. ECO 1461
3. ECO 1512
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# What is an ECO?



## “Engineering Change Order”

- An engineering change order (ECO) is a change to a previously EAC-certified voting system's hardware, documentation, or data that is minor in nature and effect.
- ECOs require voting system test laboratory review and endorsement as well as EAC approval.
- Oftentimes referred to as a “de minimis change”.





## ECO 1461



- Approved by the EAC March 23, 2021.
- There is **NO CHANGE** to the Verity 2.5 Software.
- Hart determined that the paging file settings were removed by the Windows 10 Unified Write Filter (UWF) during the device security hardening processes.
- Modifies the device Operating System procedure to create the pagefile.sys file on devices in Verity Voting 2.5 after the UWF is applied.



ECO 1461



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
633 3rd St. NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20001

March 23, 2021

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**Re: ECO 01461**

Dear Ms. Geppert,

This correspondence is to inform you that Hart ECO 01461 is approved.

Sincerely,

Paul Aurnayr  
Senior election Technology Specialist

Cc: SLI Compliance

Sent via e-mail





# ECO 1512



- Approved by EAC February 4, 2022.
- There are no changes to the production Verity device assemblies.
- This ECO makes several clarifying clerical updates and adds an additional construction method for an existing internal device cable.







## ECO 1512



The following changes are made in this ECO:

- Clerical Verity Duo series baseboards correction. A duplicate reference designator is removed.
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Questions?





Thank you!



Review of  
Candidate(s) Names in Accordance  
to TCA § 2-5-104(c)

Robby Starbuck Newsom – Candidate for  
US House of Representative, District 5

- Requested Ballot Name – Robby Starbuck

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# State of Tennessee



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**State Election Commission**  
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Tom Wheeler  
Kent D. Younce

March 25, 2022

Mr. Robert Newsom  
1747 Old Natchez Trace  
Franklin, TN 37069

Dear Mr. Newsom,

You indicate you would like to have your name placed on the August 4, 2022, Republican primary ballot for United States House of Representative, District 5 as "Robby Starbuck." However, your voter registration record shows your name as "Robert Newsom." The State Election Commission (SEC) will discuss the way you want your name to appear on the ballot at our meeting on April 11, 2022.

Regarding names on the ballot, TCA § 2-5-204(c) states the following:

If no less than four (4) members of the county election commission vote in the affirmative that a candidate's name on the ballot would be confusing or misleading, the county election commission may require further identifying information or may omit any confusing or misleading portion of the name. In an election where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot in more than one (1) county, this authority shall rest with the state election commission.

Also, TCA § 2-5-208(d)(2) states the following:

On nonpartisan general election ballots and on the political party's primary ballot, the names of all candidates for the same office shall be arranged alphabetically according to the initials of their surnames, beginning with the first initial.

Not including your legal surname of Newsom on the ballot may be considered confusing or misleading.

The SEC will be meeting on April 11, 2022, at Noon, in the Nashville Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the William R. Snodgrass, Tennessee Tower. You or your representative are welcome to attend and present evidence as to why your name should be placed on the ballot as "Robby Starbuck" and not as your surname "Robert Newsom."

If you should have any questions, you may contact Kathy Summers at 615-741-7956.

Sincerely,

Judy H. Blackburn, Chairman  
State Election Commission

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
CANDIDATE NOMINATING PETITION  
PRIMARY CANDIDATE**

127761

We the undersigned registered voters in the county of WILLIAMSON, State of Tennessee, hereby nominate ROBERT STARBUCK NEWSOM, 1747 OLD NATCHEZ TRACE, FRANKLIN, as a candidate for the office of U.S. HOUSE OF REP - 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST to be voted on in the election, Republican Primary, which will be held on the 04 day of August, 2022. We request that such candidate's name be printed on the official ballot.

This petition was issued by

(signature of election official)

02/07/2022

(date)

**\*\*TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE\*\***

I hereby direct that my name appear on the official ballot as follows, and I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have reviewed the qualifications for the office sought herein and hereby certify that I meet said qualifications and that the information provided over my signature is true and correct:

Robby Starbuck  
PRINT NAME

1747 Old Natchez Trace  
(residential address of candidate)

37069  
(zip code)

(residential phone)

188 front st. # 116-124  
(business address of candidate)

37064  
(zip code)

(business phone)

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

(Required Under TCA 2-5-102)

T.C.A. 2-19-109 provides that a person who knowingly makes any false entry on an election document commits a class D felony.

**FOR CANDIDATES REQUIRED TO BE AN ATTORNEY:**

By my signature, I hereby certify that I am licensed to practice law in this state.

(signature of candidate)

SUPREME COURT REGISTRATION NO.

RECEIVED  
2022 MAR 22 PM 3:49  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE**NOMINATING SIGNATURES**

(must be registered voters who are eligible to vote to fill this office)  
(Cannot sign for another - no ditto \*\* marks) (Address as listed on registration - No P.O. Boxes)

1.

Sign here

Street address 1747 Old Natchez Trc.

Print here

Landon NewsomCity/county/state/zip Franklin, TN 37069

2.

Sign here

Street address 9033 Forest Lawn Dr

Print here

Shelby CollinsCity/county/state/zip Brentwood TN 37027

3.

Sign here

Street address 580 Grinders Creek Rd.

Print here

ALTRICE NORTONCity/county/state/zip Hohenwald/Kearns/TN/38462

4.

Sign here

Street address 680 GRINDER CREEK RD

Print here

DANIEL S NORTONCity/county/state/zip HOHENWALD, TN 38462

Qualifying Deadline 04/07/2022 @ 12 NOON  
Withdrawal Deadline 04/14/2022 @ 12 NOON



**Dear Honorable Members of the SEC,**

I am requesting that my name appear as Robby Starbuck on the ballot in my run to represent Tennessee's 5th Congressional District. On my petition it stated "I hereby direct that my name appear on the official ballot as follows" and in my discussions with the Election Commission I've been told that a candidate "shall" choose the name they want to appear unless it's "confusing or misleading". Below are the reasons why I'm requesting Robby Starbuck appear on the ballot AND why putting Robert Starbuck Newsom would be confusing, misleading and greatly damaging to my campaign for Congress.

- My entire life I have gone by the name Robby Starbuck with friends, family and the public.
- Because this is a private setting I'll share with you that I began to use this abbreviated version of my legal name because my father struggled with alcoholism. Me creating my own identity to succeed with is a big part of what fueled me to great success in life.
- Since I announced my run for Congress, my verified Twitter account that shows my name as Robby Starbuck has **578.1 MILLION** impressions. The analytics for proving this are attached. This is one of various social media sites that I use, all of which are verified accounts and show my name to be Robby Starbuck. Putting a different name on the ballot would severely confuse and mislead all of this people who've followed me by my name.
- In my prior career as a director my work has been viewed by over **1 BILLION** people worldwide. These numbers are verifiable, if you have questions, I'm happy to verify them this with you live during my appearance before you.
- Since I began campaigning over a year ago, my branding, logos, backdrops, my Television appearances, my website and more have used the only name I've always gone by, Robby Starbuck. I've appeared on *Tucker Carlson*, *Fox PrimeTime*, *Newsmax*, *OAN*, *RAV*, *Breitbart & More*
- I appear nationally at events where I speak using my name Robby Starbuck. I've spoken on the main stage at CPAC 2x, I've spoken on the BLEXIT tour alongside Candace Owens and I've spoken at countless freedom rallies throughout Tennessee, my district and the country.
- From my conversations with the Election Commissioner, it appears that some Married women have been allowed to use their Maiden names on the ballot despite it NOT even being a part of their legal name anymore. This leads us to the natural question of why my legal name would be treated differently when I'm omitting one part that nobody knows me by?
- Using the name Newsom would be extraordinarily damaging to my campaign because people will be misled into thinking that I may be related to California Governor Gavin Newsom who I am **NOT** related to. This point alone makes the best case that forcing the use of the name Robert Starbuck Newsom would be the most confusing, misleading and damaging thing that the SEC could do today.
- I'm polling as a top candidate in this race. 19,000+ residents of the district just joined Senator Rand Paul and I for a telephone town-hall just 2 weeks ago. Those residents were told my name over and over again. When they show up to vote on August 4th, they won't see that name if I am forced to be referred to by a name that I haven't used in my entire public life.
- My kids are even confused by the idea that I'd be referred to as Robert Starbuck Newsom. In the world of my 5 year old "Why would they call you a name that isn't your name Daddy?" Sometimes the simple minds of children let out the common sense we all need to hear.

I'm guessing at this point that the honorable folks voting today see very clearly what the right thing to do is. I'm happy to answer any questions but please, allow me to use the only name that I know, a name that I built from the ground up into the career that I've had. In a name is your legacy, your work, your honor, your pride and your identity. Robby Starbuck is my name. It has been forever.

# ROBBY STARBUCK

TN-5 CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Thank you for your consideration and your time today. I appreciate it.

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## DEC 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**410**

Tweet Impressions  
**15.1M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## NOV 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**556**

Tweet Impressions  
**25.5M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## OCT 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**608**

Tweet Impressions  
**26.9M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## SEP 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**446**

Tweet Impressions  
**25.5M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## AUG 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**612**

Tweet Impressions  
**39.2M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## JUL 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**534**

Tweet Impressions  
**29.8M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## NOV 2020 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**2,066**

Tweet Impressions  
**117M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## JUN 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**643**

Tweet Impressions  
**30.7M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to Ads

## MAY 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**707**

Tweet Impressions  
**31.6M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go to A

## APR 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**1,143**

Tweet Impressions  
**39.2M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾

## MAR 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**998**

Tweet Impressions  
**56.2M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾

## FEB 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**752**

Tweet Impressions  
**25.6M**

Robby Starbuck ▾  ▾ Go

## JAN 2021 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**1,540**

Tweet Impressions  
**59M**

## DEC 2020 SUMMARY

Tweets  
**1,313**

Tweet Impressions  
**56.8M**



Below are some voters yard signs, just some of over a thousand already distributed in the 5th District.

Thank you,

Robby Starbuck - 5th District Congressional Candidate



To Whom It May Concern;

I am the mother of Congressional Candidate Robby Starbuck, born at birth on February 27th, 1989 as Robert Starbuck Newsom.

When Robby was a child he began using the name Robby Starbuck after a long time of friends and family calling him by this abbreviated version of the legal name he received at birth. As long as Robby had a voice as a child, he hasn't gone by or identified in any way with the Newsom name in day to day life. Robby went on to graduate high school early and build an outstanding career where he built a following both in entertainment and politics as Robby Starbuck. That's how his friends, family and the public know him. To deprive him of the name we all know him by and to force him to use a name that's practically foreign to him at this point, would reek of the kind of politics we're all sick of and it would damage the significant work he's already done promoting his name in this run for Congress.

As his Mom, I'm so proud of Robby taking a stand for our country. When communism destroyed the country I was born in, I can tell you it happened because not enough good men stood up and did what God put them here to do: Fight for their country. Robby is taking the stand that I always encouraged him to take so that America NEVER becomes Cuba, the country I had to flee.

As a political refugee to this country, I think I value our freedom and the blessings we have in America more than most because I've lost my freedom before. Please do what our founders would have wanted and let him run with his name, Robby Starbuck. You all have Moms and you take to heart what they say, so please take this to heart: Let my son Robby Starbuck run using the only name he knows, Robby Starbuck. As a further point, using the name Newsom would add significant confusion because of the Democrat California Governor Gavin Newsom who we are **NOT** related to. Forcing Robby to use this name would confuse voters and make them think that Robby is possibly related to the worst Governor in American history. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Consuelo Newsom". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Martha Conseulo Newsom

# Tennessean.

## POLITICS

# Robby Starbuck, a Franklin Republican, runs for Congress in Nashville with Rand Paul's endorsement



**Natalie Allison**

Nashville Tennessean

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Franklin Republican Robby Starbuck is entering the race for Nashville's congressional district, now with an endorsement from U.S. Sen. Rand Paul.

Starbuck, 32, a California transplant who moved with his wife and children to Williamson County two years ago, said he plans to run in Tennessee's 5th congressional district currently held by U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper, a Democrat.

The U.S. Constitution does not require candidates to live in the congressional district of the seat they're seeking. Starbuck said he intends to purchase another home in Nashville.

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"I'm in Nashville pretty much every day," said Starbuck, who believes his Cuban heritage and plans to campaign in areas of the city previously neglected by Republicans will provide inroads with Latino residents and other minorities in the district.

"I have an opportunity to connect with groups of people that traditionally have not felt outreach," Starbuck said, noting success Republicans in 2020 found with reaching immigrants in South Florida and South Texas.

His mother and grandparents left Cuba for the United States in the 1960s, he said.

Starbuck, who is active online and boasts 188,000 followers on Twitter, has made opposition to socialism part of his campaign platform, as well as other recent hot-button conservative issues like critical race theory. He said he faced pushback after he "came out as a Republican"



in Hollywood and began posting on social media about his beliefs in 2015, though Starbuck has managed to build a sizable following of online conservatives.

Cooper has represented the majority Democratic district since 2002.

"I think it's a fight worth having," Starbuck said of his decision to run in the district. "In Tennessee, we're also seeing a migration of people leaving states that are failing and are ready for change in their own lives. Some of whom have voted Democrat their entire lives."

The GOP hasn't cracked 40% of the district's vote in the general election since 2010, when David Hall ran against Cooper.

Republican Quincy McKnight has also announced a run for the seat, while Democrat Odessa Kelly's campaign is underway to challenge Cooper from the left.

The district could be altered when congressional maps are re-drawn and re-approved by the state legislature at the beginning of 2022, however.

"I know the one thing people are going to say about me is 'His house isn't here,'" Starbuck said. "Jim Cooper's house may not be in the new district either."

"It's very possible my farm could end up in the district and his house could not end up in the district."

Starbuck said he has not aware of what Tennessee Republicans' plans are for re-drawing the district and has "no interest in meddling about what it will be."

Republican leaders haven't publicly ruled out dividing Nashville into multiple congressional districts, something that was discussed a decade ago but did not occur.

## **Starbuck receives Rand Paul's second Tennessee endorsement in a year**

A former director and producer of music videos and commercials, Starbuck said he currently is an investor in real estate and the stock market.

He said if the race calls for it, Starbuck is prepared to personally loan his campaign money.

Starbuck's endorsement by Paul, a Kentucky senator, follows a recent friendship between the two. It started when they found each other online, and Paul has appeared on Starbuck's online show.

In a video shared by Starbuck, who does not have a campaign staff and said he has no immediate plans to hire a consultant or manager, Paul said Starbuck would vote for limited government and against "endless wars."

"I don't endorse many people for Congress, but i'm endorsing Robby Starbuck because he's one of the good guys," said Paul, who also backed Manny Sethi in his unsuccessful Republican primary bid last year against Bill Hagerty for U.S. Senate.

Starbuck, whose legal name is Robby Newsom, said he is currently in talks with his lawyer about whether he will need to legally change his last name to appear as Starbuck, his middle name, on the ballot.

He joked that he has "no relation" to California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat. Starbuck and his family moved to the state from Calabasas after wanting to live in an area with people more closely aligned with their values.

His wife, Landon Newsom, is a musician who performs under the name Matriarch and is also outspoken online about conservative issues. The couple has three children.

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# County Election Commission Residency Qualifications

Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-12-102

## **2-12-102. Qualifications of commissioners.**

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**(a)(1)** Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2), persons appointed to the county election commission shall be registered voters who have been residents of the state for five (5) years and residents of the county for which they are appointed for two (2) years.

**(2)** In counties having a population of not less than two hundred seventy-six thousand (276,000) nor more than two hundred seventy-seven thousand (277,000), according to the 1970 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the persons appointed to the county election commission shall be registered voters who have been residents of the county for which they are appointed for two (2) years.

**(b)(1)** A county election commissioner who qualifies as a candidate for any public office while serving as a commissioner is automatically disqualified to continue in office as a commissioner, and a vacancy exists on the commission.

**(2)** If an immediate family member of a county election commissioner is on the ballot for public office in the county in which the commissioner serves, the commissioner must:

**(A)** Abstain from voting on any issues that directly affect the commissioner's immediate family member; and

**(B)** Be recused from the official duties of the commission at least thirty (30) days before the election and the state election commission shall appoint a temporary replacement for the election. The recused county election commissioner is reinstated to the office after the election in question is certified.

**(3)** As used in this subsection (b), "immediate family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, or child.

**(c)** A person employed as an assistant public defender or an assistant district attorney may serve as a county election commissioner if such assistant public defender or assistant district attorney does not work in the district in which such assistant public defender or assistant district attorney lives.

**(d)** Subsection (c) shall not apply in any county having a population of not less than eight hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred (897,400) nor more than eight hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred (897,500), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.