

The conditional approval makes the LHS and VotingWorks devices available for use after March 1, 2024, as long as they meet criteria laid out by the Ballot Law Commission (list of criteria below if you're curious):

1. Individual paper ballot for each voter.
2. Ability to read New Hampshire ballots as prepared by the Secretary of State in accordance with state law.
3. Verifiable chain of custody for each ballot once introduced into the machine.
4. Preservation and security of paper ballot for hand recounts.
5. No networking capacity, including but not limited to the ability to being connected to the internet or other networks or vote counting devices, or utilizing a technology which can be compromised.
(Note: this standard to be reviewed by technical specialists to determine if there is better technical wording.)
6. Protection of voter privacy.
7. Verifiable security of each machine before, during and after voting, including security locks, key or seals.
8. Redundancy capacity for recording votes (dual record of votes in addition to retention of original paper ballots).
9. Adequate battery back-up capability.
10. Availability of service and parts.
11. Independent verification of accuracy by appropriate laboratory acceptable to the Ballot Law Commission.
12. Compliance with all requirements for devices found in NHRSA 656:42 or elsewhere in state law.
13. Capacity to physically separate or otherwise identify ballots with write-in votes.
14. Adequate physical capacity to store large numbers of ballots.

COSTS:

Dominion (LHS)

\$6,000 to buy a machine, includes service for a year, delivery, and testing.

\$3,500 to rent a machine for a single election.

VotingWorks

\$7,000 for equipment plus \$500 per year for maintenance and software. An additional \$500 for programming the machine for an election.

These numbers were pulled from this article, where there's also a more in-depth breakdown of the ins and outs of the LHS and VotingWorks machines. Keep in mind that this article was written before the ballot law commission approved two machines though, so ES&S is listed as an option here but was not one of the two machines approved: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/companies-pitch-new-voting-machines-for-nh-but-some-think-they-shouldnt-be-used-at-all/ar-AA1eHZRw>