

Cost Comparison: Vote-PAD vs. Electronic Systems

Costs	The Vote-PAD	Electronic Systems
Direct	<p><u>Acquisition:</u></p> <p>For a jurisdiction with one precinct, approximately \$2000 to \$2200 for an initial package. This provides all necessary equipment and materials including twenty Vote-PAD booklets for use with twenty different ballots. At one ballot per precinct per election this would represent 20 elections or, on average, five years of elections. For larger jurisdictions, the cost per precinct can be significantly less.</p> <p><u>Subsequent Costs:</u></p> <p>No additional ballot printing costs or yearly recurring fees.</p> <p>Purchase of additional consumables after the Vote-PAD booklets and other materials in the initial package are used up, estimated at \$30 to \$50 per ballot per election, depending on the size and complexity of the ballot.</p>	<p><u>Acquisition:</u></p> <p>From \$3000 to \$8000 for one unit.</p> <p>Equipment for people with disabilities (extra on some systems).</p> <p>Dedicated computer to run tally software.</p> <p>Results cartridges and voter-access cards.</p> <p>Card activator devices.</p> <p>Spare equipment in case of machine malfunction.</p> <p>Replacement of failed equipment after warranty period.</p> <p><u>Recurring Costs:</u></p> <p>Annual software licensing fees.</p> <p>Technical support fees.</p> <p>Maintenance and repairs</p> <p>Replacement batteries every three years.</p> <p>Software updates.</p> <p><u>Per -Election Costs:</u></p> <p>Ballot programming fees.</p> <p>Emergency paper ballots in case of breakdowns.</p> <p>Transportation to the polling place.</p>
In-house	<p>Customizing the ballot sleeve for each election using the materials provided in the initial package.</p> <p>Generating audio instructions for voters with visual impairments, either with your personal recording or by using the automated Vote-PAD Instruction Assistant and Text-to-Speech.</p> <p>Transcription for the Braille instructions, and printing large-print instructions.</p> <p>Training poll workers on using the Vote-PAD.</p> <p>Educating voters with disabilities on using the Vote-PAD.</p>	<p>Developing new administrative procedures.</p> <p>Developing troubleshooting procedures.</p> <p>Training election staff on electronic equipment.</p> <p>Pre-election and post-election equipment testing.</p> <p>Inspecting computer audit logs after the election.</p> <p>Training poll workers on electronic equipment.</p> <p>Educating voters on using the electronic equipment.</p> <p>Recharging batteries between elections.</p> <p>Environmentally controlled storage for equipment.</p> <p>Toxic waste fees for rechargeable batteries.</p>