Election Policies and Procedures

3.3 – LAT Testing

CBJ holds elections using a by-mail system, meaning that "Election Day" is the last day a voter can validly return their ballot or the last day a ballot can be postmarked and still be considered valid.

Approximately 4-6 weeks before Election Day, the Election Official, working in a team of at least two people, conducts "Logic and Accuracy Testing" (LAT) on all election systems.

The general order of an LAT test goes like this:

1. Wipe all data from all election systems
2. Set up election server for new election
3. Run a "Zero Report" – a report showing that there are no results in the system
4. Test each ICX (accessible voting tablet), including printing ICX ballots
5. Run a test deck of ballots through each scanner (a test deck is composed of preprinted ballots where the Election Official knows ahead of time what the results should be) and the ICX ballots
6. Adjudicate ballots
7. Check that results match what is expected
8. Wipe all data from the election system