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## Media Release

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### **AutoMARK™ Voting Machine Available for the February 14, Special Election**

OLYMPIA – An AutoMARK™ voting machine is currently available at the Thurston County Auditor's Office, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Election Day, February 14, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please visit the Election's webpage at [www.ThurstonVotes.org](http://www.ThurstonVotes.org); or call (360) 786-5408 or TTY (360) 754-2933 if you would like additional information.

The AutoMark™ allows voters who cannot otherwise read or mark their ballots to vote independently and secretly. "These machines can read the ballot to the voter, magnify the print on the ballot, and mark the ballot for the voter. Voters who have never been able to vote independently before can use these machines to exercise one of their most fundamental rights," said Auditor Kim Wyman. The AutoMark™ also allows voters to verify that their ballot was marked accurately. The AutoMARK™ does not produce a ballot. Voters must have their ballots and mailing envelopes with them to use the AutoMARK™ machines.

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