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## Media Release

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**AutoMARK Voting Machines Available by Appointment for February 3, 2009 Special Election**

OLYMPIA – AutoMARK voting machines will be available from January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, at the Thurston County Courthouse and by appointment for the February 3, 2009 Timberland Regional Library Special Election. In addition, an AutoMARK will be available at the Olympia Transit Center at 222 State Street in downtown Olympia on Friday, January 30, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Voters who are unable to come to the Thurston County Courthouse or go to the Olympia Transit Center, may make an appointment to have an AutoMARK brought to their work or their home by calling (360) 786-5408. The machines allow voters who cannot otherwise read or mark their ballots to vote independently and secretly. “The AutoMARK 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 the machines to exercise one of their most fundamental rights,” says Auditor Kim Wyman. The machines also allow voters to verify that their ballot was marked accurately. Voters must bring their ballots and mailing envelopes with them to use the AutoMARK machines.

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