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### **Sec. of State report serves as guide for election system**

LINCOLN -- Secretary of State John Gale says a recent report published by his office should serve as a meaningful resource and guide as the state contemplates what type of election system is adopted in the future and the type of technology that will help support it.

The report is based on studies and discussions of the Election System Advisory Task Force. Created by Gale, the 24-member group met several times in the summer and fall of 2016. It consisted of county election officials and representatives from various public interest groups.

"This 72 page report details how our statewide election system works now, what types of equipment could be utilized going forward and the issues that should be considered in order to enhance the voting experience for all citizens."

Gale remarked that having a centralized, statewide election system has ensured continuity across counties, greatly reduced county costs, and alleviated costs that smaller counties simply could not afford.

"Federal funding supported the current system. Part of the discussion going forward will be how to pay for new election technology without federal funds available."

Gale noted that equipment and supporting hardware currently used in elections will eventually become obsolete. "This report is intended to provide public officials and the public useful information in analyzing options for election systems and equipment replacement."

A copy of the report has been furnished to members of the task force, county election officials, Governor Ricketts and a number of other public officials. A digital copy of the report is also available online at the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.ne.gov](http://www.sos.ne.gov). A link can be found on the homepage as well as under the "Elections" tab.

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