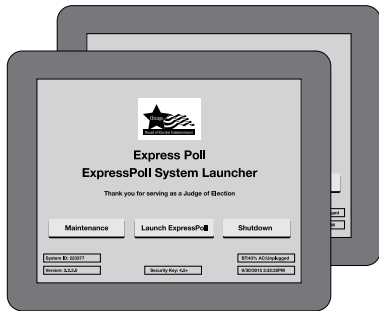# 3 UNDERSTANDING THE VOTING EQUIPMENT

As an Election Judge or Election Coordinator, you must read this handbook so that you are familiar with the equipment and procedures that will be used in the election. This chapter focuses on important equipment that you need to know how to use on Election Day.

VOTER CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Electronic Poll Books (E-Poll Books)

The two e-poll books provide you with voter information for the precinct and the whole city of Chicago. They allow you to check in, register voters and activate voter cards for people who choose to vote electronically using the touch-screen voting unit. The e-poll books also include other important information you need. **They must be set up by 5:15 am on Election Day.**

2 Electronic Poll Books (e-poll books)

VOTING EQUIPMENT

Ballot Scanner

The ballot scanner reads people's votes and stores them electronically for tallying later. It lets you catch ballot issues in the moment so that voters can submit a correct and admissible paper ballot on Election Day. After the polls close, you'll connect a modem to the ballot scanner to transmit results to the Board.

The ballot scanner will notify the voter if there is a problem with the ballot:

- Overvoting (too many votes for an office or question)
- A misread ballot caused by a defect such as an extra mark, rip, tear, or other damage to the ballot
- Undervoting for the following statewide offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer
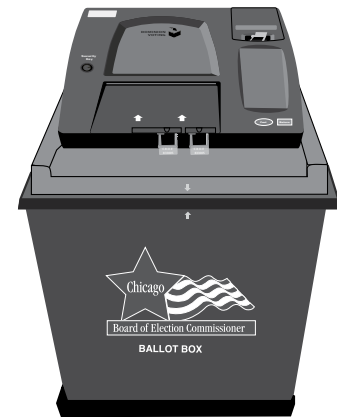
See page 69 on how to proceed if you see any of these ballot issues during voting hours.

Ballot Scanner

Ballot Box

The ballot box ensures a secret ballot. It gives you a secure place to keep the paper ballots so they can be compared to electronic records after the election if there is a recount or other issue. **It must always be secured with seals.**

Ballot Box

TOUCHSCREEN VOTING

Touchscreen Voting

The touchscreen voting unit gives people with disabilities an accessible way to vote. It also provides a convenient option for any voter who prefers marking their ballot electronically in every available language (English, Spanish, Chinese, Polish, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog, Urdu, Gujarati, Russian, Ukrainian or Arabic). Any voter who chooses to may use the touchscreen voting unit but, like the priority seating on a public bus, voters with disabilities shall be given priority use of the accessible touchscreen unit.

The touchscreen voting unit can be used in audio mode for voters who have visual disabilities.

The touchscreen voting unit will print the voter's voted ballot. The voter must insert this ballot into the ballot scanner to finish casting their ballot.

IMPORTANT: The voter's ballot is not cast until they have inserted it into the ballot scanner.

Touchscreen Voting Unit