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### **NEW VOTING SYSTEM'S TRANSITION A COSTLY CONVERSION**

Lee County, FL: The Lee County Elections Office has begun the transition from the iVotronic touchscreen voting system to the new DS200 Optical Scan voting system at the Elections Center warehouse, 13180 S Cleveland Ave Fort Myers, behind Robb & Stuckey.

To prepare for the state planned pick-up of the former voting machines and make room for the new system, employees are dismantling the custom made iVotronic units storage system. There are a lot of things that have to be done to make the warehouse compatible for the new DS200 Optical Scan voting system.

"This is a very time consuming process for us. There are a lot of issues involved in this transition beyond the initial cost of the new voting system" said Sharon L. Harrington, Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

On Thursday morning May 8, 2008, Sharon L Harrington will be available at the Elections Center to provide a tour of the transition process. The Election Center opens at 8:30am. Sharon can be reached at 533-6900.

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