

This is the form of a material change report required under Section 85(1) of the Securities Act. and section 151 of the Securities Rules.

FORM 27

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITIES ACT

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT UNDER SECTION 85(1) OF THE ACT

NOTE: This form is intended as a guideline. A letter or other document may be used if the substantive requirements of this form are complied with.

NOTE: Every report required to be filed under Section 85(1) of the Act shall be sent to the Commission in an envelope addressed to the Commission and marked "Continuous Disclosure".

NOTE: WHERE THIS REPORT IS FILED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS PUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REPORT IN BLOCK CAPITALS "CONFIDENTIAL - SECTION 85", AND EVERYTHING THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED SHALL BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL".

Item 1. Reporting Issuer

State the full name and address of the principal office in Canada of the reporting issuer:

GLOBAL ELECTION SYSTEMS INC.
Suite 350 – 1200 West 73rd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
V6P 6G5

Item 2. Date of Material Change

August 17, 2000

Item 3. Press Release

The press release dated August 17, 2000 was filed with the Toronto Stock Exchange and the British Columbia Securities Commission and the Ontario Securities Commission via SEDAR and disseminated by BCE Emergis (Canadian National Compliance and US Databases and Online Services).

Item 4. Summary of Material Change

The Issuer has entered into agreements with five California counties to utilize Spectrum Print and Mail Services, Ltd.'s VoteRemote™ absentee processing products and services.

Item 5. Full Description of Material Change

The Issuer has entered into agreements with five California counties to utilize Spectrum Print and Mail Services, Ltd.'s VoteRemote™ absentee processing products and services. Each of these agreements also features the use of the Issuer's vote tabulation products in combination with Spectrum's VoteRemote™ absentee processing and ballot printing products. The Issuer announced last week the signing of a Letter of Intent to acquire 100% of Spectrum, a leading innovator of election products, services and technology located in Mountlake Terrace, Washington (Seattle).

The agreements with Sacramento, Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles and Santa Clara counties will result in over 1 million absentee voters using VoteRemote™'s absentee processing system in the November presidential elections. The five counties represent approximately 50% of California's registered voters. It is anticipated that these agreements will result in approximately US\$620,000 in recurring revenues per election. A minimum of three elections per year is standard for a country's election calendar. VoteRemote™ was used successfully for the first time in California during Fresno County's November 1999 consolidated district elections and in Los Angeles County during the March 2000 presidential preference primary elections. VoteRemote™, developed by Spectrum, provides counties with automated capability to print absentee voter envelopes, automatically insert and sort the envelopes with the voter's ballot, and automates the return signature verification process via patented sorting technology. Each of these processes will provide significant cost savings and reduced labour for the counties.

In 1999, Spectrum printed over 4 million election ballots for the Issuer's AccuVote customers, and expects to print over 1.2 million optical scan ballots for the Issuer's California customers in the upcoming November election alone. Overall, Spectrum has printed over 10 million of the Issuer's election ballots for California and Washington customers and processed over 4 million absentee ballots using VoteRemote™.

Item 6. Reliance on Section 85(2) of the Act

Not applicable.

Item 7. Omitted Information

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Senior Officers

The following Senior Officer of the Company is available to answer questions regarding this report: Clinton H. Rickards, Director Telephone: (604)261-9226 or (604)538-1206.

Item 9. Statement of Senior Officer

The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C., this 18th day of August, 2000.

GLOBAL ELECTION SYSTEMS INC.

Signed: "*Clinton H. Rickards*"

Clinton H. Rickards, Director