

ALBANY, NY-(2/18/00)- New York State Board of Elections Executive Director Tom Wilkey was reappointed Chair of the Voting Systems Accreditation Board of the National Association of State Election Directors.

The fourteen member panel of state and local election administrators and computer professionals selects and monitors Independent Test Agencies for the qualification testing of voting systems throughout the United States. Currently, thirty two states, including New York participate in this program.

Mr. Wilkey has chaired the panel since completing his term as NASED's president in 1996.

The panel is currently serving as an ad-hoc advisory board to the Federal Election Commission in the revision of the Federal Voting Systems Standards which were released in 1990. These standards, which are the basis for NASED testing, are being updated to include the latest technological advances including future use of the Internet and other related software systems in the voting process. The revised standards are for the use of the states should they adopt such methods and are due to be released during 2001.