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**VOTING METHODS MAY AFFECT ELECTION OUTCOMES
RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE OF
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Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore – (July 10, 2008) Voting methods, including types and designs of electronic voting devices, voter identification requirements and Internet voting, may impact election outcomes, according to research published by SAGE in the July Special Issue of *American Politics Research* on Election Administration and Voting Technology.

“Voting Technology, Ballot Measures, and Residual Votes,” the opening article in the Special Issue, looks at research on what causes “residual votes” – the difference between the total number of ballots cast and the number of votes cast for a specific issue or candidate in a particular election. The research found that full-face electronic voting machines sharply increase the number of residual votes for ballot measures.

“Some may wonder if voting technology could change the outcome of an election on a ballot issue,” writes David C. Kimball, of the University of Missouri–St. Louis and Martha Kropf of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the opening article. “While we cannot answer this question with certainty, we have found that elections would produce more legitimate results if voting technology did not act as a barrier to participation.”

Other articles in the issue explore how different voting and identification processes, and even poll-workers can affect election results. Titles include:

- *Digital Divide or Just Another Absentee Ballot?: Evaluating Internet Voting in the 2004 Michigan Democratic Primary*
- *Whose Votes Count?: Undervotes, Overvotes, and Ranking in San Francisco's Instant-Runoff Elections*
- *Worth a Thousand Words?: An Analysis of Georgia's Voter Identification Statute*
- *Voters' Evaluations of Electronic Voting Systems: Results From a Usability Field Study*
- *"At Your Service": Voter Evaluations of Poll Worker Performance*

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