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## Brazil to use biometrics in the electronic voting system

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In accordance with the electronic democracy site ([www.e-democrat.org](http://www.e-democrat.org)), the electronic ballot boxes to be used in the election of 2008, which chooses the new mayors and councillors from all over Brazil, will inaugurate the use of Linux operating system, and in three counties selected for testing, the use of biometrics for identification of voter.

The initiatives are part of the strategy of the Electoral Superior Court (TSE) "to improve the security and the transparency of the process", according to Giuseppe Dutra Janino, secretary of technology of the information of the TSE.

According to Janino, in interview to Reuters, "it has some campaigns in the direction to stain this process", but, in the 12 years where Brazil if uses of electronic ballot boxes, "no fraud was proven", affirmed.

The decision to substitute the operational systems VirtuOS and Windows CE for the Linux in 100 percent of the 480 a thousand ballot boxes of the country will have three advantages, in accordance with the secretary.

Read more in the electronic democracy site.