

## **New Danaher Machines**

Before the Board makes any commitments to buy new machines from Danaher, I would strongly suggest that the BOE find out where the legislature is on the "no-fault" or open absentee legislation. If it has any chance of passing this year, the Board may want to hold off on the purchase of some or all of the new Danaher machines. The money could then be used for a new ballot on demand system to use in a regional absentee office configuration. Although the growth in the number of precincts in 2001 could possibly be handled by a redistribution of existing machines, a purchase of some machines will likely be needed in 2001. The Board should limit the purchase to only the machines needed.