Interview with Lic. Fernando Castillo
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Electronic voting machines

- Installed in 1985
- "The system doesn't serve our purposes."
- The machines are not secure in that they don't guarantee that only the deputy can cast his vote – anyone else might cast a fraudulent vote in his place.
- More importantly, anonymity is politically preferable. It allows one to shirk individual political responsibility, so argue one way publically but vote another way. This is part of the political culture of Costa Rica.