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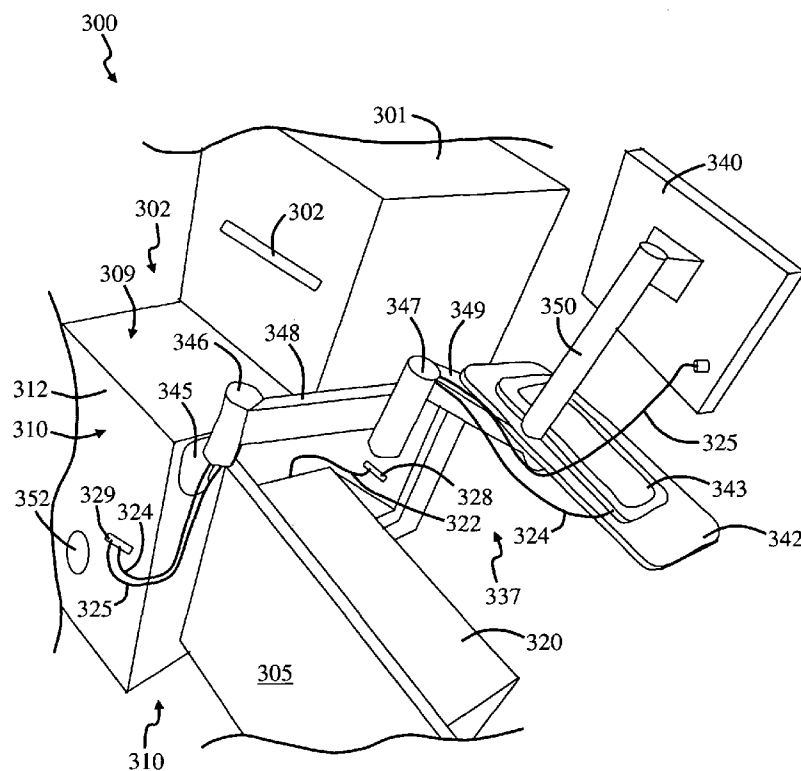


FIG. 14b

(57) Abstract: A method includes receiving a voter list and one or more different types of ballot images. The method includes receiving a side file which associates the ballot images with the voters of the voter list, and using a control program to access the side file and select one of the ballot images which corresponds to a selected voter of the voter list. A print job is formed which includes the selected ballot image.



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