

in the rules and regulations; requiring notice to local subdivisions under certain conditions; and generally relating to the use of voting systems.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 1-1(a)(19); and 16B-1, 16B-2, 16B-3, and 16B-4
to be under the new subtitle "Voting Systems"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 1A-1(e) and 16-1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

1-1.

(a) As used in this article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

(19) "VOTING SYSTEM" MEANS A METHOD OF CASTING AND TABULATING BALLOTS OR VOTES.

1A-1.

(e) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall have the following powers and duties, including but not limited to:

(1) To exercise supervision over the conduct of elections in the State.

(2) To adopt rules and regulations to [assist] FACILITATE COMPLIANCE BY the boards of supervisors of elections [to comply] with the requirements of this article in the conduct of registrations, voting and elections in the State and in otherwise fulfilling their duties under this article.

(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE "VOTING SYSTEMS", TO REVIEW, APPROVE, CERTIFY, AND DECERTIFY VOTING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SPECIFIC MODELS OF A SYSTEM, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REVIEW, APPROVAL, CERTIFICATION, DECERTIFICATION, AND USE OF VOTING SYSTEMS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, ANY VOTING SYSTEM FOR