

- (2) PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE VOTING PROCESS;
- (3) COUNT AND RECORD ALL VOTES ACCURATELY; AND
- (4) PROTECT ALL OTHER RIGHTS OF VOTERS AND CANDIDATES.

(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT APPROVE ANY VOTING SYSTEM UNLESS IT MEETS THE STANDARDS IN SECTION 16B-2(A) AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST WILL BE SERVED BY APPROVAL OF THE SYSTEM.

(2) IN DETERMINING IF THE VOTING SYSTEM MEETS THE REQUIRED STANDARDS AND WOULD SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER FACTORS:

(I) THE COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF THE SYSTEM AND ITS REPLACEMENT PARTS AND COMPONENTS;

(II) THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SYSTEM;

(III) THE LIKELIHOOD OF MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN;

(IV) THE SYSTEM'S EASE OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE VOTER;

(V) THE CONVENIENCE OF VOTING AFFORDED BY THE SYSTEM;

(VI) THE TIMELINESS OF THE TABULATION AND REPORTING OF ELECTION RETURNS;

(VII) THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF VERIFYING THE TABULATION; AND

(VIII) THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM.

(3) A VOTING SYSTEM APPROVED HEREUNDER NEED NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 14-1, 16-1(B), 16-3, 16-5, 16-11, AND 16-16 IF THE STATE BOARD FINDS THAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE INAPPROPRIATE TO THE SYSTEM UNDER CONSIDERATION AND COMPLIANCE THEREWITH IS NOT NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF VOTERS AND CANDIDATES.

(C) UPON THE APPROVAL OF A VOTING SYSTEM BY THE STATE BOARD AND THE ADOPTION BY THE STATE BOARD OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ITS USE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY THE SYSTEM FOR USE AND SO NOTIFY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(D) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A SYSTEM IT HAS PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED NO LONGER MERITS CERTIFICATION, IT MAY DECERTIFY THAT SYSTEM AND, IF ONE OR MORE OF THE STANDARDS IN SECTION 16E-2(A) (1), (2), AND (3) ARE NO LONGER MET, SHALL DECERTIFY THAT SYSTEM. THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHEN, OR UPON WHAT CONDITIONS, THE DECERTIFICATION BECOMES EFFECTIVE. IN NO EVENT MAY THE DECERTIFICATION (OR