

shall be satisfied that the system is accurate, efficient, free from the likelihood of mechanical breakdowns, understandable by voters, that it is subject to recount by some other system, and that it otherwise complies with the laws of Maryland.

(c) The HARMFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County {board} BOARDS of supervisors of elections shall make written application to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, separately for each primary, special, or general election for which approval is sought, to use an electronically tabulated punched ballot voting system. The application must reach the State Board no later than six months prior to the election and shall include the maximum number of polling places in which the system is to be used. The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall make a decision on the application and communicate that decision in writing to the local board within 60 days of receiving the application.

(d) The use of an electronically tabulated punched ballot voting system in HARMFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County shall be governed by general rules and regulations promulgated by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and by conditions attached by that Board to the granting of the application from the HARMFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County {board} BOARDS. The rules, regulations and conditions shall be consistent with the purposes of this subtitle, and shall include a description of the voting system, specifications for equipment required to implement the system, procedures for use of the system in the polling places on election day, and for the canvass of votes following the election, and provisions to insure the following:

(1) The secrecy of the ballot, in both the voting and tabulating processes.

(2) A process whereby each voter is permitted to vote at any election for all persons and offices for which he is entitled to vote, to vote for as many persons for an office as he is entitled to vote for, and to vote for or against any question upon which he is entitled to vote.

(3) Rejection of all votes for any office or measure when the number of votes cast by a voter exceeds the number that voter is entitled to cast.

(4) Correct counting of votes on ballots on which the proper number of votes has been indicated.

(5) A process whereby each voter is permitted to vote by one punch or mark for more than one candidate, if this method of election is required by law.

(6) The casting and counting of write-in votes, if this method of voting is permitted by law.