

9-103.

(a) The State Board:

(1) May decertify a voting system previously certified if the State Board determines that the system no longer merits certification; and

(2) Shall decertify a previously certified voting system if the voting system no longer meets one or more of the standards in § 9-102 (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this subtitle.

(b) The State Board shall determine the effective date and conditions of the decertification.

(c) Decertification under this section does not apply to a county if its local board has acted in reliance upon the certification of the system involved and the decertification would have a significant and adverse impact, unless:

(1) The local board and the governing body of the county consent to the decertification; or

(2) The State Board determines that the system no longer meets the standards set forth in § 9-102 (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this subtitle.

(d) (1) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,** A voting system that is deemed certified under § 9-102(f) of this subtitle may not be decertified by the State Board.

(2) **ON JANUARY 1, 2002, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DECERTIFY A MECHANICAL LEVER VOTING MACHINE.**

9-107.

(A) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002, A COUNTY MAY NOT USE MECHANICAL LEVER VOTING MACHINES TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS.

[(a)](B) [If] UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2002, IF a county uses mechanical lever voting machines to conduct elections, the members of the local board:

(1) Shall appoint a voting machine custodian and a deputy custodian; and

(2) May employ additional deputy custodians.

[(b)](C) The voting machine custodian and deputy custodians shall have the duties, and complete any training program, specified in regulations adopted by the State Board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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