

(2)] Acquisition of a voting system shall be by purchase, lease, or rental and shall be exempt from State, county, or municipal taxation.

(b) (1) A local board may lease a voting system to any governmental or nongovernmental entity within the county.

(2) The local board shall determine the terms and conditions of the lease.

(3) The local board shall pay to the governing body of the county, within 30 days of receipt, the proceeds of the lease.

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(a) ~~On~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ON or after January 1, [2002] 2004, a county may not use mechanical lever voting machines to conduct elections.

(b) Until January 1, ~~[2002] 2004~~, 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.

(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.

(D) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY UNLESS A STATEWIDE UNIFORM VOTING SYSTEM IS DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED IN A COUNTY UNTIL:

(1) A UNIFORM STATEWIDE VOTING SYSTEM FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES IS SELECTED AND CERTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 9-101 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) THE VOTING SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE VOTERS IN THE COUNTY.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, each county shall pay its share of one-half of the State's cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting systems for voting in polling places and for absentee voting provided for under this Act, including the cost of maintenance, storage, printing of ballots, technical support and programming, related supplies and materials, and software licensing fees. A county's share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting ~~system~~ systems shall be based upon the county's voting age population.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~a~~;

(a) A county that has purchased a voting system for voting at polling places within the last 10 years and before December 31, 2000 is not required to implement the uniform statewide voting system for voting at polling places provided