~~BOARD OR ANOTHER PERSON CHARGED WITH CERTIFYING OR DECERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS OR AN ELECTION VOTING SYSTEM.~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

9–102.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, A "VOTER–VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD" INCLUDES:

(1) A PAPER BALLOT PREPARED BY THE VOTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING READ BY A PRECINCT–BASED OPTICAL SCANNER;

(2) A PAPER BALLOT PREPARED BY THE VOTER TO BE MAILED TO THE APPLICABLE LOCAL BOARD, WHETHER MAILED FROM A DOMESTIC OR AN OVERSEAS LOCATION; AND

(3) A PAPER BALLOT CREATED THROUGH THE USE OF A BALLOT MARKING DEVICE.

[(a)] (B) The State Board shall adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of voting systems.

[(b)] (C) The State Board shall periodically review and evaluate alternative voting systems.

[(c)] (D) The State Board may not certify a voting system unless the State Board determines that:

(1) the voting system will:

(i) protect the secrecy of the ballot;

(ii) protect the security of the voting process;

(iii) count and record all votes accurately;

(iv) accommodate any ballot used under this article;

(v) protect all other rights of voters and candidates; [and]