

RECEIVE OR DISBURSE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE TO PROMOTE OR ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE, POLITICAL PARTY, OR QUESTION SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AT AN ELECTION.

(LL) VOTING MACHINE.

"VOTING MACHINE" INCLUDES:

- (1) A MECHANICAL LEVER MACHINE; AND
- (2) A DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC VOTING DEVICE.

(MM) VOTING MACHINE BALLOT.

"VOTING MACHINE BALLOT" MEANS A BALLOT POSTED ON OR IN THE VOTING MACHINE AND REFERRED TO BY THE VOTER TO INDICATE THE VOTING LOCATIONS FOR EACH CONTEST.

(NN) VOTING SYSTEM.

"VOTING SYSTEM" MEANS A METHOD OF CASTING AND TABULATING BALLOTS OR VOTES.

(OO) WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

"WRITE-IN CANDIDATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BUT WHO FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-303 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(PP) WRITE-IN VOTE.

"WRITE-IN VOTE" MEANS A VOTE CAST, IN A CONTEST AT A GENERAL ELECTION, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT FOR THAT CONTEST.

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1-201. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

THE INTENTION OF THIS ARTICLE IS THAT THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS SHOULD INSPIRE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND TRUST BY ASSURING THAT:

- (1) ALL PERSONS SERVED BY THE ELECTION SYSTEM ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY;
- (2) ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS MAY REGISTER AND VOTE AND THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED DO NOT VOTE;
- (3) THOSE WHO ADMINISTER ELECTIONS ARE WELL-TRAINED, THAT THEY SERVE BOTH THOSE WHO VOTE AND THOSE WHO SEEK VOTES, AND THAT THEY PUT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AHEAD OF PARTISAN INTERESTS;
- (4) FULL INFORMATION ON ELECTIONS IS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES;