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VOTING SYSTEM CERTIFICATION – FORM 101

The following questions must be answered with regard to each voting system being certified. Answers should be set forth on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this form. Explain how the voting system:

1.   Preserves the secrecy of the ballot;

2.   Is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended;

3.   Operates safely, efficiently, and accurately;

4.   Is safe from fraudulent or unauthorized manipulation;

5.   Permits voting on all offices and measures to be voted on at an election;

6.   Prevents counting votes on offices and measures on which the voter is not entitled to vote;

7.   Prevents counting votes by the same voter for more than one candidate for the same office, and prevents counting votes for more than the number of candidates for which the voter is entitled to vote;

8.   Prevents counting a vote on the same office or measure more than once;

9.   Permits write-in voting;

10.   Is capable of permitting straight-party voting;

11.   Is capable of providing records from which the operation of the voting system may be audited; and

12.   Is capable of producing a summary screen to allow voters to examine their choices before the ballot is finally cast; and

13.   Is capable of producing a real-time audit log (Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 81.62); and

14.   Is capable of casting a blank ballot; and

15.   (Electronic Ballot Image Systems (EX: DRE) only) List procedure for provisional voting or reference where this is in your documentation. (TAC § 81.176); and

16.   (Electronic Ballot Image Systems (EX: DRE) only) List procedure for a recount (printing of electronic ballot images and audit logs); and

17.   (Electronic Ballot Image Systems (EX: DRE) only) List procedure to backup electronic files created from the election (EX: electronic ballot images and audit logs, etc.)

18.   Procedures on how to properly shutdown equipment during early voting or reference where this is in your documentation; and

19. (Precinct Optical Scanners only) Can two locks be placed on the ballot box to make it legal to use at an early voting site? If so, please list how a jurisdiction can have this done; and

20. Are your manufacturers ISO 9000 compliant? If not, explain quality control.