

# The State of Texas



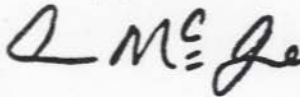
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL ES&S COUNTIES USING UNITY 2.2, 2.4.3 & 2.4.3.1

FROM: ANN MCGEEHAN, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS 

DATE: MAY 8, 2008

RE: CERTIFICATION EXTENSION OF ES&S'S UNITY v. 2.2, 2.4.3 & 2.4.3.1

This office has received a copy of the ES&S letter dated May 5, 2008 notifying Texas Counties that they are required to upgrade to Unity version 3.0.1.1 prior to the November elections. We appreciate that upgrading to Unity version 3.0.1.1 would be beneficial to some counties; however, the Texas Secretary of State has not issued a mandate requiring counties to update to Unity version 3.0.1.1, nor have we issued a decertification for Unity versions 2.2, 2.4.3 and 2.4.3.1. Unity version 3.0.1.1 was certified in March 2008. That certification neither included nor implied that previous versions of the ES&S Electronic Voting System would be decertified.

We feel that blanket decertification of these system versions will impose an undue hardship on many of the counties. To that end, the Secretary of State will be extending the certifications of Unity versions 2.2, 2.4.3 and 2.4.3.1 to cover the dates from July 31, 2007 through July 7, 2009. County Election officials are hereby notified that each county impacted has the option to upgrade to Unity version 3.0.1.1, but is not required by the Secretary of State to do so before July 1, 2009.

We expect and appreciate ES&S's continued support for counties that choose not to upgrade immediately.

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