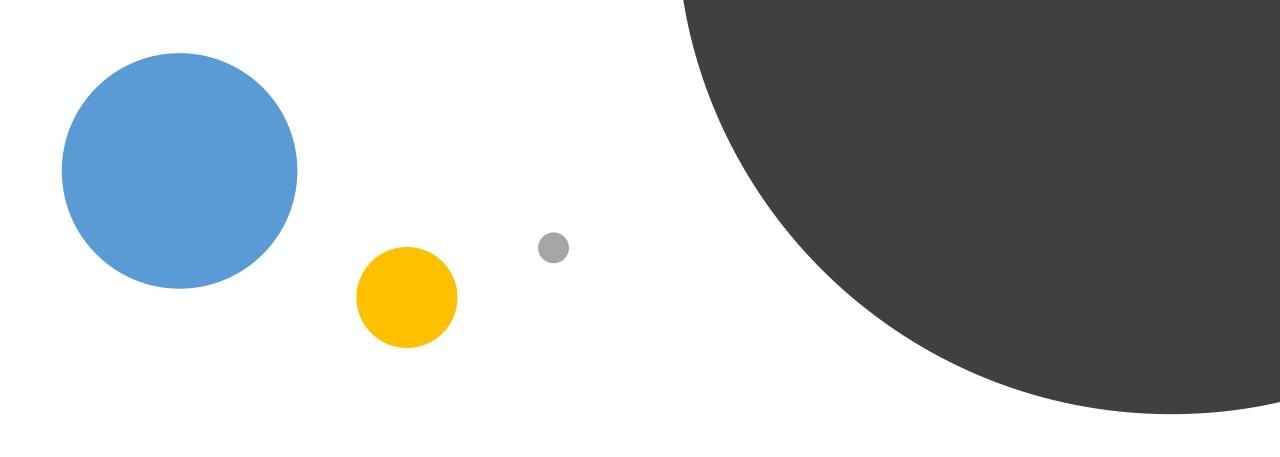
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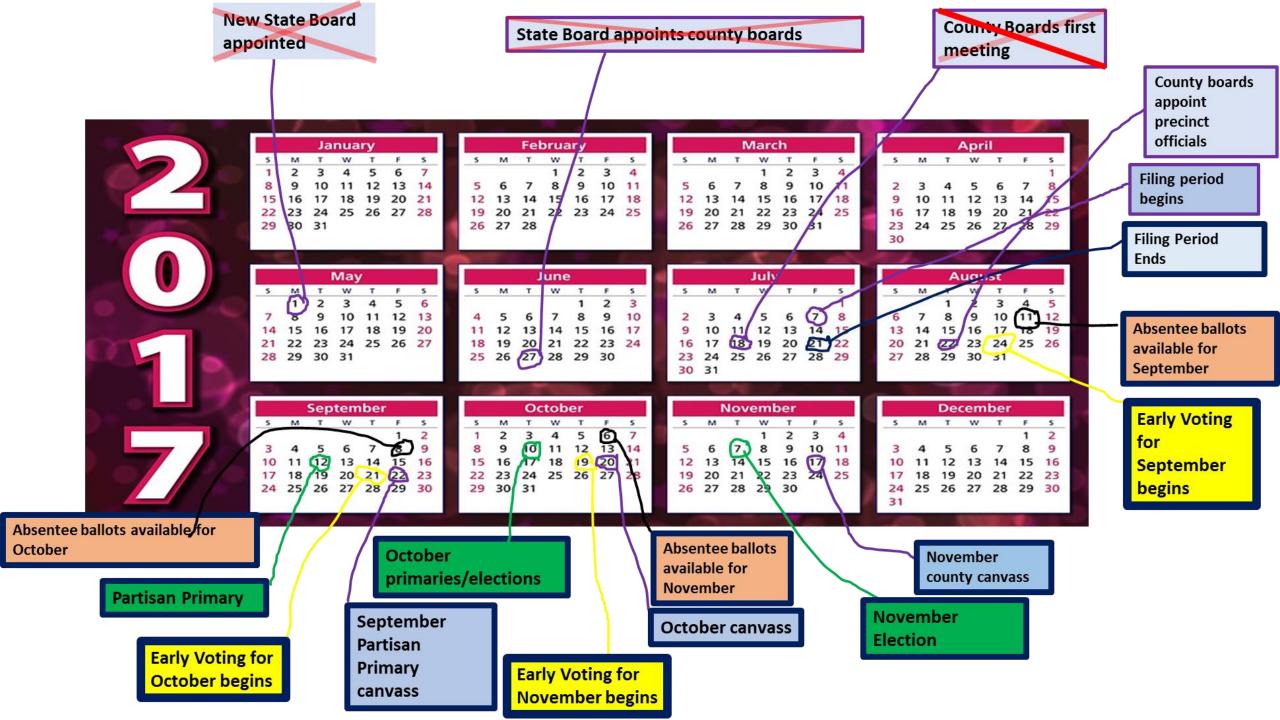
December 15, 2017

North Carolina State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement



2017 Municipal Elections

Status Report



2017 Municipal Elections

September

Partisan Primaries

3 Counties
2 Municipalities
1 Countywide School Board contest

October

Partisan Second Primaries

Nonpartisan Primaries

Elections with Run-off
method

26 Counties
22 Municipalities
22 Cross-County Municipal
Contests

November

Partisan Elections
Nonpartisan Elections
Run-offs

92 Counties
501 Municipalities
100 Cross-County Municipal
Contests

109 Contests were decided by ten (10) votes or fewer

59 Contests were decided by five (5) votes or fewer

Five (5) tied contests

The Necessity for Post-Election Audits

10 disputes

7 resolved

3 remaining

Post-Municipal Election Disputes

Recommendations

Adjust schedule for 2019

Provide mechanism for all municipal contests decided by one (1) vote to call for recount.



Voting Systems

Status Report

Current Status:

One (1) Certified Vendor

Optical Scan and
Direct Record
Electronic Voting
(DRE) systems

Five (5) vendors currently seeking Certification.

Voting Systems Used in NC

Election Day

77 counties optical scan

23 counties DRE

9 counties that use optical scan use DRE for ADA compliance

One-Stop

71 counties optical scan

29 counties DRE

6 counties that use optical scan use DRE for ADA compliance

Overview of Acquisition of Voting System

State Board

Certifies Voting System



County Board of Elections

- Recommends
 Voting System to
 County Board of
 Commissioners
- Seeks approval of Voting System by State Board

State Board

replacement of Voting System



County Board of Elections

 Approves the adoption and acquisition of Voting System



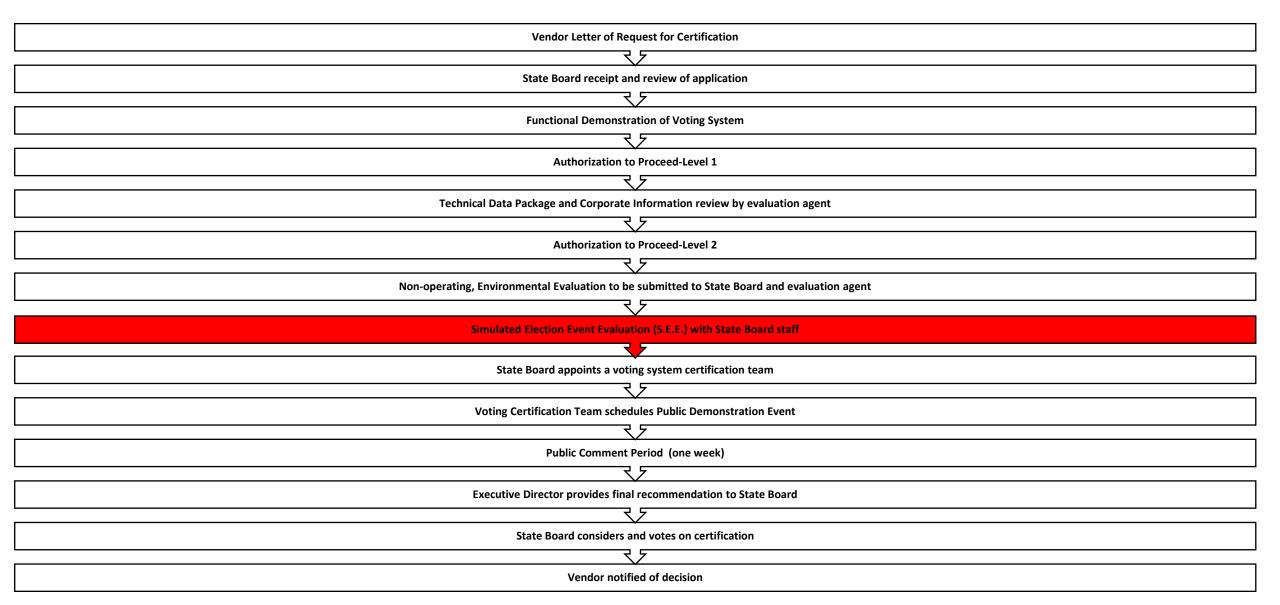
County Board of Commissioners

 Adopts and acquires certified Voting System that has been approved by County Board.

Certification Process

Vendor Letter of Request for Certification
₹ <i>5</i>
State Board receipt and review of application
75
Functional Demonstration of Voting System
75
Authorization to Proceed-Level 1
75
Technical Data Package and Corporate Information review by evaluation agent
₹ <i>5</i>
Authorization to Proceed-Level 2
₹ <i>5</i>
Non-operating, Environmental Evaluation to be submitted to State Board and evaluation agent
₹ <i>5</i>
Simulated Election Event Evaluation (S.E.E.) with State Board staff
₹ <i>5</i>
State Board appoints a voting system certification team
₹ <i>5</i>
Voting Certification Team schedules Public Demonstration Event
₹ <i>5</i>
Public Comment Period (one week)
₹ <i>5</i>
Executive Director provides final recommendation to State Board
₹ <i>5</i>
State Board considers and votes on certification
Vendor notified of decision

Where are vendors in the process?



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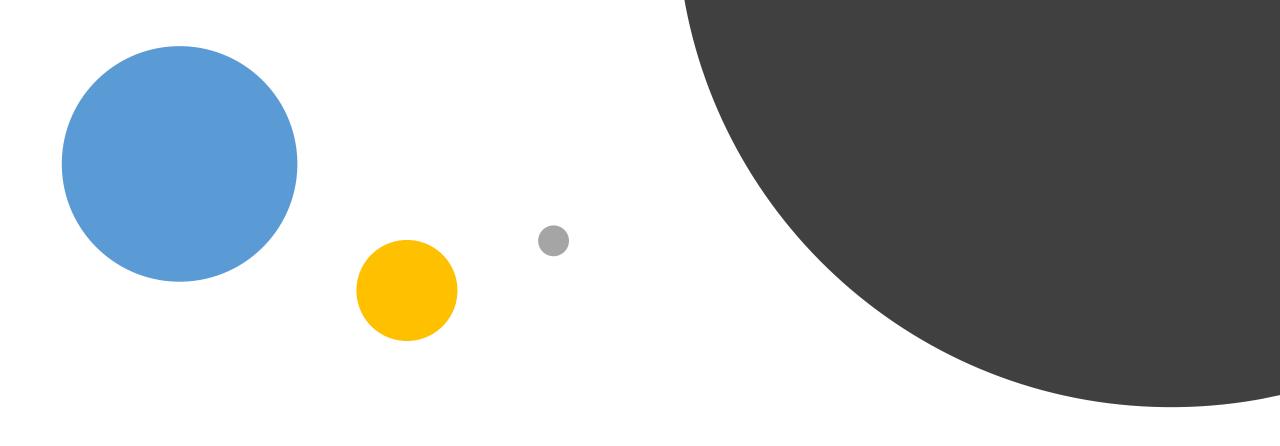
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Statutory Dilemma

- Counties that use DRE equipment for one-stop early voting and/or for ADA compliance but do not use the equipment on Election Day may not use the DRE equipment in any election after January 1, 2018.
 Counties that use DRE equipment on Election Day may not use the equipment in any election after September 1, 2019.
- The technology for tabulators for use in NC is decades old. The optical scan machines do not include an option for use by voters with disabilities and require the additional purchase of cumbersome accessible machines.
- Due to current status of the certification process, no new voting systems will have been through the certification process by January 1, 2018 and counties would not be able to comply with the testing requirement prior to the May 2018 primary.

Recommendation:

• Move decertification of DREs until December 2019. This will provide an opportunity for voting systems to complete the certification process and the ability to test new voting systems in an election prior to the 2020 presidential election year.



Security of Elections

Status report

Identifying Risks

HACKED !



External

Internal





Statewide Voter Registration System (SEIMS)



Vendor Servers



Voting Systems



Email Servers



Web Servers





County Servers

Hacked By Team System Dz



Anti: Govt all word

You will be held accountable Trump,

you and all your people

for every drop of blood flowing in Muslim

countries

I Love Islamic state

(NcPro-DZ)

Contact:





Recommendations:

Ability to perform background checks.

Provide for safeguards to ensure unsecure/noncompliant voting systems or electronic pollbooks can be prevented from use in an election.

Need dedicated staff to ensure cybersecurity vulnerabilities are fully monitored and addressed.

Other issues on the radar:

Voter drive efforts making copies of voter registration forms.

Updating the trigger for candidates to register and file campaign finance disclosure reports.