

CHAPTER 206

VOTING MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS

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Subdivision 1. **Examination and report by secretary of state; approval.** A vendor of a lever voting machine or electronic voting system may apply to the secretary of state to examine the machine or system and to report as to its compliance with the requirements of law and as to its accuracy, durability, efficiency, and capacity to register the will of voters. The secretary of state or a designee shall examine the machine or system submitted and file a report on it in the office of the secretary of state. Examination is not required of every individual machine or counting device, but only of each type of lever voting machine or electronic voting system before its adoption, use, or purchase and before its continued use after significant changes have been made in an approved machine or system. The examination must include the ballot programming, vote counting, and vote accumulation functions of each voting machine or system.

If the report of the secretary of state or the secretary's designee concludes that the kind of machine or system examined complies with the requirements of sections 206.55 to 206.90 and can be used safely, the machine or system shall be deemed approved by the secretary of state, and may be adopted and purchased for use at elections in this state. A voting machine or system not approved by the secretary of state may not be used at an election in this state. The secretary of state may adopt permanent rules consistent with sections 206.55 to 206.90 relating to the examination and use of voting machines and electronic voting systems.

[For text of subs 2 and 4, see M.S.1994]

History: 1995 c 233 art 2 s 56