



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 111:3-9-08 Certification; mandatory requirements.

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(A) In examining equipment and related materials for possible approval, the board of voting systems examiners will generally consider the following:

(1) Whether the equipment can be used safely;

(2) Whether the equipment can be depended upon to record and count accurately and continuously the votes of electors;

(3) Whether the equipment has the capacity to be warranted, maintained, and serviced.

(B) No voting machine shall be approved by the board of voting systems examiners or certified by the secretary of state, or be purchased, rented, or otherwise acquired, or used, except when specifically allowed for experimental use, unless it fulfills the following requirements:

(1) The voting machine meets all requirements specified in section 3506.10 of the Revised Code;

(2) The voting machine is certified by an independent voting system test laboratory as meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements of the voluntary voting system guidelines most recently adopted by the federal election assistance commission for which laboratories are certified to test.

(3) The voting machine shall not connect to the internet. If submitted for testing for certification by the federal election assistance commission on or after June 16, 2021, the equipment does not contain any wireless communication hardware or software components.

(4) The voting machine is configured to operate consistently with security requirements established by the secretary of state.

(C) The board of voting systems examiners will use a matrix rating sheet which provides for ratings



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of "acceptable" or "unacceptable" on each requirement for certification. The secretary of state may propose changes to the matrix rating sheet within a reasonable time prior to a meeting of the board. The board of voting systemsexaminers shall approve the changes in a public meeting..