

120.005 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) A "ballot" or "official ballot" means the official presentation of offices and candidates to be voted for, including write-in candidates, and all public questions submitted for determination and shall include a voting machine ballot, a paper ballot, an absentee ballot, a special ballot, a federal provisional ballot, a federal provisional absentee ballot, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been authorized for the use of the voters in any primary or regular or special election by the Secretary of State or the county clerk;
- (2) "Ballot box" means any box, bag, or other container that can be locked, sealed, or otherwise rendered tamper-resistant, for receiving ballots;
- (3) "Voting equipment" means any physical component of a voting system and includes voting machines where voting machines are in operation;
- (4) "Voting machine" or "machine" means a part of a voting system that is either:
 - (a) A direct recording electronic voting machine that:
 1. Records votes by means of a ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-operated components that may be actuated by the voter;
 2. Processes the data by means of a computer program;
 3. Records voting data and ballot images in internal and external memory components; and
 4. Produces a tabulation of the voting data stored in a removable memory component and on a printed copy; or
 - (b) One (1) or more electronic devices that operate independently or as a combination of a ballot-marking device and an electronic or automatic vote tabulating device; and
- (5) "Voting system" means:
 - (a) The total combination of physical, mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic equipment, including the software, hardware, firmware, and documentation required to program, control, and support that equipment, that is used to:
 1. Define ballots;
 2. Cast and count votes;
 3. Report or display election results; and
 4. Maintain and produce any audit trail information; and
 - (b) The practices and associated documentation used to:
 1. Identify system components and versions of those components;
 2. Test the system during its development and maintenance;
 3. Maintain record records of system errors and defects;
 4. Determine specific system changes to be made to a system after the initial qualification of the system; and

5. Make available any materials to the voter, such as notices, instructions, forms, or paper ballots.

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