

RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGARDING
CERTAIN DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC (DRE) VOTING DEVICES

WHEREAS, one of the fundamental statutory principles that guides the work of both the Virginia State Board of Elections and the Virginia Department of Elections is to supervise and coordinate the work of county and city electoral boards to obtain uniformity in their practices and procedures and legality and purity in all elections; and

WHEREAS, an essential component of these guiding statutory principles is to ensure, to the best of their ability, that voting is done in a manner that reflects that requisite purity; and

WHEREAS, an integral component of achieving purity in elections is the equipment used to record accurately the votes of Virginia citizens when they exercise their right to vote in casting a ballot; and

WHEREAS, certain voting equipment, namely Direct Recording Electronic or DRE devices, has been investigated as a result of allegations regarding this equipment's integrity in recording and maintaining accuracy in voting and storage of individual votes; and

WHEREAS, in response to inquiry, the State Board and the Department have thoroughly examined allegations regarding the integrity of those voting machines, including discussion with localities, other jurisdictions experience with identical machines and importantly, sought the advice and guidance of the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA); and

WHEREAS, VITA has indicated that based on their testing and analysis of third party reports, it appears there is a reasonable possibility of compromise of the voting machines at issue; and

WHEREAS, VITA further concludes "the DRE devices analyzed all exhibited a range of demonstrated, documented, or potential vulnerabilities that materially impact the integrity of the voting process, availability of the voting systems, or integrity of election results"; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of voting equipment that may not maintain the purity of elections and sustain the integrity of the votes of citizens of Virginia is not acceptable, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 24.2-629 of the *Code of Virginia* and the authority granted to the State Board of Elections therein, the State Board of Elections hereby decertifies the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Devices as of September 8, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Department of Elections shall work cooperatively with all localities affected by this decision to ensure the replacement of the decertified equipment in a timely way so as not to disrupt statewide elections to be held on November 7, 2017.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2017 by unanimous vote of the Virginia State Board of Elections.