

SENATE BILL 833

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By: **Senators Colburn and Miller**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Mechanical Lever Voting Machines**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the date after which mechanical lever voting machines  
4 will become uncertified; extending the time period during which certain local  
5 election boards must appoint voting machine custodians and deputy custodians;  
6 and generally relating to the expiration of mechanical lever voting machines.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 9-102(f), 9-103(d), and 9-107  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 9-102.

16 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a voting  
17 system authorized by law before July 1, 1978, including the use of paper ballots, shall  
18 be deemed certified.

19 (2) On or after January 1, [2002] 2004, a voting system that uses  
20 mechanical lever machines may not be deemed certified.

21 9-103.

22 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a voting  
23 system that is deemed certified under § 9-102(f) of this subtitle may not be  
24 decertified by the State Board.

25 (2) On January 1, [2002] 2004, the State Board shall decertify a  
26 mechanical lever voting machine.

1 9-107.

2 (a) On or after January 1, [2002] 2004, a county may not use mechanical lever  
3 voting machines to conduct elections.

4 (b) Until January 1, [2002] 2004, if a county uses mechanical lever voting  
5 machines to conduct elections, the members of the local board:

6 (1) Shall appoint a voting machine custodian and a deputy custodian;  
7 and

8 (2) May employ additional deputy custodians.

9 (c) The voting machine custodian and deputy custodians shall have the duties,  
10 and complete any training program, specified in regulations adopted by the State  
11 Board.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2001.