STATE STATUTES AND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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Testing and Certification in the States

- Testing to Federal Standards: 17 states
- Testing by Fed. Accredited Lab: 9 states
- Full EAC Certification: 11 states
- No Federal Requirements: 4 states
- Other Mention of Federal Standards: 9 states
Before a Voting System Appears at a Polling Location

Local

State

Federal
State Voting System Certification

- Why?
- What?
- Who?
- How?
Why?

- Ensure that voting systems are recording citizens’ votes in a secure and accurate way
- Ensure that the system meets the regulatory and functional requirements of the state
- Confidence in the election process
What?

- Voting Systems
- Sometimes peripheral systems
- Looking at:
  - Security
  - Functionality
  - Privacy
  - Usability
  - Accessibility
Who?

- Variation in state election offices
  - Capacity
  - Experience
  - Expertise
  - Funding

- Outside examiners

- University partnerships
How?

- Example of State Certification Process:
  - Appointment of Examiners Written Application Process
  - In-Person Examination
  - Public Hearing
  - Certification Order
Legislative Considerations

- Effect of the state’s election model
- Updating statutory language
- Updating the certification process
- Partnerships with universities
Effect of the State Election Model and Level of Uniformity
Updating Statutes

- Look for outdated language or technical revisions
- Keep language technology neutral
- Are you giving local jurisdictions enough flexibility as technology evolves?
State Certification Process

- Ongoing process
- Look at recertification and decertification too
- Coordinate with federal and other state programs
Partnerships with Universities
Questions?

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