

## ELECTION REFORM: Malfunction and Malfeasance

**Maryland is among the 17 states at “high risk”** of having its election results compromised due to problems associated with paperless touchscreen voting machines (a.k.a. direct recording equipment or DREs) according to Common Cause. See the full report entitled, *Election Reform: Malfunction and Malfeasance: A Report on the Electronic Voting Machine Debacle*, published June 2006.

**CHART B State-By-State Voter Risk Assessment**

State	Risk Level
Alaska	LOW
Alabama	MID*
Arkansas	HIGH^
Arizona	MID
California	LOW
Colorado	MID#^
Connecticut	LOW
Delaware	HIGH
District of Columbia	HIGH
Florida	HIGH
Georgia	HIGH
Hawaii	LOW
Iowa	HIGH ^
Idaho	MID*
Illinois	LOW
Indiana	HIGH
Kansas	HIGH^
Kentucky	HIGH
Louisiana	HIGH
Massachusetts	MID
Maryland	HIGH
Maine	MID
Michigan	MID*
Minnesota	LOW*
Missouri	MID
Mississippi	MID^
Montana	MID*
Nebraska	MID*
New Hampshire	MID*
New Jersey	HIGH#
New Mexico	LOW*
North Carolina	LOW
North Dakota	MID

State	Risk Level
Nevada	MID
New York	LOW
Ohio	MID
Oklahoma	MID*
Oregon	MID*
Pennsylvania	HIGH
Rhode Island	MID*
South Carolina	HIGH
South Dakota	MID*
Tennessee	HIGH
Texas	HIGH
Utah	MID
Virginia	HIGH
Vermont	MID*
Washington	LOW
Wisconsin	MID
West Virginia	LOW
Wyoming	MID

Chart Key	
Low Risk	Use paper-based system with mandatory audit of machines or DRE System with VVPB and mandatory audit.
Mid Risk	Use paper-based voting systems or DRE voting systems that have VVPB but no audit requirement.
High Risk	DRE systems used without VVPB
*	No DRE systems used
#	DRE systems will have VVPB and will require audits in future
^	Some but not all counties will be using DRE systems with VVPB

PLEASE NOTE: Risk is assessed according to availability of VVPB and mandatory random audits.

DRE - Direct Record Electronic

VVPB – Voter Verified Paper Ballot