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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Announces All Remaining E-voting Counties Have Met Standards for Recertification**

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today announced that all counties that utilize electronic touchscreen voting systems, with the exception of four counties that had purchased the Diebold TSx, are now able to use their electronic voting machines for the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election. The remaining counties and touchscreen vendors agreed to meet the stringent safety and reliability standards that were a pre-condition of recertification.

“I am pleased to announce that all eleven counties using electronic touchscreen voting machines have met the conditions necessary for statewide certification of their voting equipment,” said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

On April 30, Secretary Shelley banned the use of the Diebold TSx system in four counties (Kern, San Diego, San Joaquin, and Solano) that used them and decertified touchscreen systems in 11 other counties (San Bernardino, Napa, Santa Clara, Tehama, Riverside, Shasta, Orange, Merced, Plumas, Alameda, and for early voting in Los Angeles) until added security measures could be put in place to safeguard the November vote. The 11 counties needed to either install a voter-verified paper trail or implement the set of added security measures before those systems could be recertified for the November 2004 election.

Among the security measures that the counties and vendors agreed to meet in order for the system to be recertified are:

- Voters must have the option of casting a paper ballot;
- The system’s computer source code must be made available for analysis by independent experts;
- No telephone, wireless or internet connections are permitted on the machines; and
- The county is required to engage in a comprehensive poll worker-training program.

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