

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to voting systems; amending s. 101.5606,
 3 F.S.; providing an additional requirement for Department
 4 of State approval of certain voting systems; requiring
 5 production of a paper record meeting specified criteria;
 6 requiring preservation of and access to such a record;
 7 providing for use of such record in a recount of certain
 8 elections; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 101.5606,
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.--No
 15 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
 16 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

17 (16) It produces a voter-verifiable paper record that is
 18 suitable for a manual audit and is equivalent or superior to the
 19 paper record of a paper ballot box system such that the voting
 20 system, at minimum:

21 (a) Produces a permanent paper record, each individual
 22 paper record of which is made available for inspection and
 23 verification by the voter at the time the vote is cast and
 24 preserved within the polling place in the manner in which all
 25 other paper ballots are preserved within the polling place on
 26 election day for later use in any manual audit.

27 (b) Provides the voter with an opportunity to correct any
 28 error made by the system before the permanent record is

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29 preserved for use in any manual audit. The voter-verified paper
30 record produced under this subsection shall be available as an
31 official record pursuant to chapter 119 and shall be the
32 official record used for any recount conducted with respect to
33 any election in which the system is used.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.