By Senator Siplin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to electronic voting systems; creating s. 101.56085, F.S.; requiring each electronic voting system in the state to produce a voter-verified paper record that is suitable for a manual audit; requiring that the voter be permitted to verify the correctness of the paper ballot; requiring an electronic voting system to produce a permanent paper record that is available for correction of any error by the voter and preserved for later use in a manual audit; providing that the voter-verified paper record is the official record; prohibiting the use of a voting system that includes any wireless communication device; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 101.56085, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

101.56085 Electronic voting machines; requirements.--

(1) Beginning July 1, 2008, each touchscreen or other electronic voting machine used in this state shall provide for verification by voters and the capability of being audited.

(2) Each electronic voting system in this state must produce a voter-verified paper record that is suitable for a manual audit and that is equivalent or superior to a paper ballot box system. A voter must be able to view and verify the correctness of his or her printed ballot. The printed ballot shall be deposited or dispensed into a ballot box. A voter may

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not retrieve the printed ballot once he or she leaves the polling place.

(3) Each electronic voting system in this state must produce a permanent paper record. The paper record shall be made available for inspection and verification by the voter at the time the vote is cast and shall be preserved within the polling place in the same manner in which all other paper ballots are preserved within the polling place on election day for later use in a manual audit. The voting system must provide the voter with an opportunity to correct any error made by the system before the permanent record is preserved for use in a manual audit. The voter-verified paper record is the official record and must be used for any recount conducted with respect to any election in which the system is used.

(4) A voting system may not be used if the system includes any wireless communication device.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that an electronic voting system produce a voter-verified paper record and a permanent paper record as a means to inspect, verify, and preserve a voter's ballot in case of a manual audit. (See bill for details.)

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