

BY: Senator Schrader

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 713, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0713/014332/1), strike Amendment No. 1 in its entirety.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 12, after “available;” insert “prohibiting the State Board from using a certain voting system for certain elections; requiring the State Board to select and certify a certain voting system for certain elections; requiring the State Board to ensure that each polling place has at least one voting system to accommodate the needs of certain voters; requiring the State Board to enter a lease agreement for a certain voting system for not more than a certain length of time;”; and in line 13, strike “for certain purposes” and substitute “to implement the requirements of this Act”.

On page 1 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments, in line 1 of Amendment No. 2, strike “9-101.1” and substitute “9-101 and 9-107 through 9-112”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 8 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments, strike Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 in their entirety.

On page 8 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 21 through 30, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall apply to each election occurring on or after March 1, 2008 that is required to be conducted in accordance with the Election Law Article.”

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(Over)

(a) For the 2006 primary and general elections only, the State Board of Elections may not use the Diebold AccuVote TS System in any polling place in the State.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 of this Act, the State Board of Elections shall:

(1) select and certify an optical scan voting system to be used in each polling place for the 2006 primary and general elections; and

(2) ensure that each polling place has at least one voting system to accommodate the needs of voters with disabilities to protect the voter's right to cast a private ballot in the 2006 primary and general elections.

(c) The State Board of Elections shall enter a lease agreement for the optical scan voting system selected in accordance with subsection (b) of this section for not more than 1 year.

(d) The Governor shall allocate funding to carry out the provisions of this section."