

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 244  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in the sponsor line, strike "and Ross" and substitute "Ross, Boschert, Cadden, Cryor, Doory, Feldman, Gilleland, Goodwin, Gordon, Howard, Kaiser, King, Lawton, Marriott, McIntosh, Pendergrass, and Quinter"; 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, after the first semicolon insert "making this Act an emergency measure;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 10, after "NOT" insert "PART OF"; in line 15, strike "PERMANENT"; and in lines 24 and 25, in each instance, strike "INDIVIDUAL".

On page 5, in line 16, strike "PRECEDENCE" and substitute "PRIORITY"; and in line 35, after "(1)" insert "WITHIN 3 DAYS".

On page 6, in line 8, strike "A SELECT PERCENTAGE OF"; in line 9, strike "OF EACH VOTE CAST"; strike beginning with "FOR" in line 10 down through "BALLOTS" in line 11; in line 20, strike "AND"; in line 23, after "AUDIT" insert "; AND

(VI) BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE POLLING PLACES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ARE SELECTED";

strike beginning with "THOSE" in line 27 down through "COUNTY" in line 28 and substitute "ADDITIONAL RANDOMLY SELECTED POLLING PLACES IN THE COUNTY"; in line 34,

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strike “FURTHER” and substitute “THOROUGH”; in line 35, strike “AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO CERTIFY” and substitute “BEFORE”; in line 36, after “ELECTION” insert “ARE CERTIFIED”; and in line 38, strike “PARTIAL OR COMPLETE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, in line 18, strike “the effective date of this Act” and substitute “March 1, 2008”; and strike in their entirety lines 27 and 28 and substitute:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(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.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.