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By: Senator Kagan

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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2	Election Law - Recounts - Procedures
3	FOR the purpose of requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting
4	the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; requiring
5	a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records
6	in a certain manner and count only voter-verifiable paper records in a manual
7	recount; and generally relating to recount procedures.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9	Article – Election Law
10	Section 9–102(a)
11	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
13	BY adding to
14	Article – Election Law
15	Section 12–108
16	Annotated Code of Maryland
17	(2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
19	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article – Election Law
21	9–102.
22	(a) In this section, a "voter-verifiable paper record" includes:

a paper ballot prepared by the voter for the purpose of being read by a

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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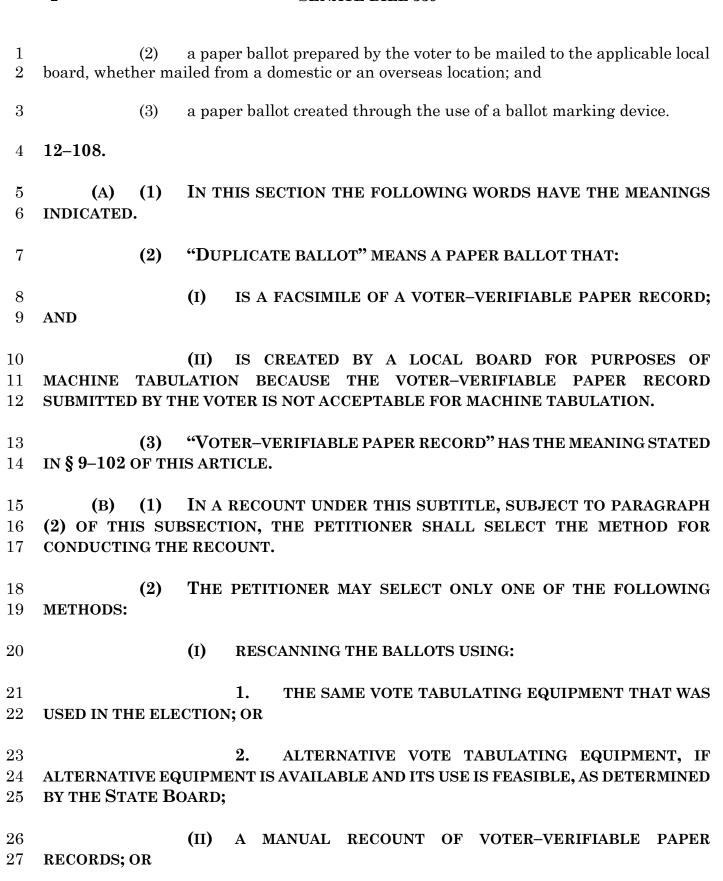
precinct-based optical scanner;



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ADMINISTRATOR.



(III) ANY OTHER RECOUNT METHOD APPROVED BY THE STATE

- 1 (C) A LOCAL BOARD SHALL:
- 2 (1) PRESERVE THE VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD
- 3 CORRESPONDING TO EACH DUPLICATE BALLOT THAT IS CREATED;
- 4 (2) STORE EACH DUPLICATE BALLOT THAT IS CREATED TOGETHER
- 5 WITH THE CORRESPONDING VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD; AND
- 6 (3) COUNT ONLY THE VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD, NOT THE 7 DUPLICATE BALLOT, IN A MANUAL RECOUNT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 9 1, 2023.