

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, petition of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to improve the security of electronic voting equipment. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING SECURE VOTING EQUIPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Section 33 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end of the third paragraph the  
3 following:—

4 Furthermore, electronic voting systems shall produce or  
5 employ permanent paper records of the votes cast that are able to  
6 be verified by individual voters before their votes are cast and that  
7 provide a manual audit capacity for the machine. After being ver-  
8 ified by the voter and cast, such records shall be stored in a secure  
9 manner whether within the voting machine or in a separate secure  
10 ballot box. Said permanent paper record shall identify the indi-  
11 vidual machine that produced them. In all cases, these records  
12 must be reviewed in the event of a recount and considered in con-  
13 junction with the machine-produced tally.

1 SECTION 2: Section 33A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "equipped with

3 internal components which register votes electronically” the  
4 following:— provided, however, that all electronic voting  
5 machines must also employ a voter-verified permanent paper  
6 record as described in section 33 of this chapter.