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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to electronic voting systems;  
 3           creating s. 101.56085, F.S.; requiring each  
 4           electronic voting system in the state to  
 5           produce a voter-verified paper record suitable  
 6           for a manual audit; requiring that the voter be  
 7           permitted to verify the correctness of the  
 8           printed ballot; requiring an electronic voting  
 9           system to produce a permanent paper record that  
 10          is available for inspection and verification by  
 11          the voter and preserved for later use in a  
 12          manual audit; providing that the permanent  
 13          paper record is the official record; providing  
 14          that a voting system may not use any wireless  
 15          communication device; providing an effective  
 16          date.

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

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

22           101.56085 Electronic voting machines; requirements.--  
 23           (1) Beginning July 1, 2005, each touch screen or other  
 24 electronic voting machine used in this state shall provide for  
 25 verification of voters and the capability of being audited.  
 26           (2) Any electronic voting system in this state must  
 27 produce a voter-verified paper record suitable for a manual  
 28 audit that is equivalent or superior to that of a paper ballot  
 29 box system. A voter must be able to view and verify the  
 30 correctness of his or her printed ballot. The printed ballot  
 31 shall be deposited or dispensed into a ballot box. A voter may

1 not retrieve the printed ballot once he or she leaves the  
2 polling place.  
3 (3) Any electronic voting system in this state shall  
4 produce a permanent paper record. Each paper record shall be  
5 made available for inspection and verification by the voter at  
6 the time the vote is cast and preserved within the polling  
7 place in the manner in which all other paper ballots are  
8 preserved within the polling place on election day for later  
9 use in any manual audit. The voting system must provide the  
10 voter with an opportunity to correct any error made by the  
11 system before the permanent record is preserved for use in any  
12 manual audit. The voter-verified paper record is the official  
13 record and must be used for any recount conducted with respect  
14 to any election in which the system is used.

15 (4) A voting system may not include any wireless  
16 communication device.

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

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

22 Requiring an electronic voting system to produce a  
23 voter-verified paper record and a permanent paper record  
24 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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