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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 paper ballot; requiring an electronic voting

9 system to produce a permanent paper record that

10 is available for correction of any error by the

11 voter and preserved for later use in a manual

12 audit; providing that the voter-verified paper

13 record is the official record; prohibiting the

14 use of a voting system that includes any

15 wireless communication device; providing an

16 effective 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, 2007, each touchscreen or other

24 electronic voting machine used in this state shall provide for

25 verification by voters and the capability of being audited.

26 (2) Each electronic voting system in this state must

27 produce a voter-verified paper record suitable for a manual

28 audit which is equivalent or superior to that of a paper

29 ballot 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

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1 not retrieve the printed ballot once he or she leaves the
2 polling place.

3 (3) Each electronic voting system in this state must
4 produce a permanent paper record. The paper record shall be
5 made available for inspection and verification by the voter at
6 the time the vote is cast and shall be preserved within the
7 polling place in the same manner in which all other paper
8 ballots are preserved within the polling place on election day
9 for later use in a manual audit. The voting system must
10 provide the voter with an opportunity to correct any error
11 made by the system before the permanent record is preserved
12 for use in a manual audit. The voter-verified paper record is
13 the official record and must be used for any recount conducted
14 with respect to any election in which the system is used.

15 (4) A voting system may not be used if the system
16 includes any wireless communication device.

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

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

22 Requires that an electronic voting system 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.)