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Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5705

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"AN ACT CONCERNING A VOTER GUIDE FOR STATE ELECTIONS."

1 After line 42, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State
3 shall provide each municipality with sufficient quantities of a poster
4 size copy, at least eighteen by twenty-four inches, of a Voter's Bill of
5 Rights, which shall be posted conspicuously at each polling place. The
6 text of the Voter's Bill of Rights shall be:

7 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

8 Every registered voter in this state has the right to:

9 (1) Inspect a sample ballot before voting.

10 (2) Receive instructions concerning how to operate voting
11 equipment on sample voting equipment before voting.

12 (3) Cast a ballot if the voter is in line when the polls are closing.

13 (4) Ask for and receive assistance in voting, including assistance in
14 languages other than English where required by federal or state law.

15 (5) Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election officials or
16 any other person.

17 (6) Cast a ballot using voting equipment that accurately counts all
18 votes."

19 (b) In any municipality or voting district where federal or state law
20 requires ballots to be made available in a language or languages other
21 than English, the Voter's Bill of Rights shall also be made available in
22 such language or languages.

23 (c) Sample ballots shall be made available at all polling places and
24 any voter shall be permitted to inspect a sample ballot before voting.

25 (d) Any voter standing in line at a polling place at the time when
26 polls are scheduled to close shall be permitted to vote.

27 Sec. 3. Section 9-7b of the general statutes, as amended by section 15
28 of public act 01-195, is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows
29 (*Effective from passage*):

30 (NEW) (c) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall
31 conduct an analysis of each state and municipal election and submit a
32 report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
33 on or before February first following each regular election. Such
34 analysis shall include, but not be limited to:

35 (1) A survey of local election officials, including town clerks,
36 registrars of voters and election moderators. Such survey shall elicit
37 responses concerning the conduct of the election, including reported
38 problems or complaints, the observations of such local election
39 officials, the effectiveness of state laws, perceived omissions in state
40 laws or procedures, the adequacy of pollworker training sessions, the
41 effectiveness of the voting machines used and any reported problems
42 with such machines, whether polling places have adequate facilities for

43 the number of voters served and suggestions for improving the
44 conduct of elections;

45 (2) A study of the complaints received and disposed of by the
46 commission concerning the administration of each election, and
47 whether state election laws and regulations were followed, and if not,
48 what sanctions were imposed; and

49 (3) A study of the problems reported to the commission that did not
50 result in a formal complaint being filed or which the commission
51 lacked the authority to address."