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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. SAN ANGELO, 131st Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 380

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE CASTING AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUNCH-CARD VOTING MACHINES."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
4 provision of title 9 of the general statutes, the Secretary of the State
5 may authorize, as a demonstration project, the use of electronic
6 equipment for the casting and counting of ballots at municipal
7 elections in 2003, in at least three towns, if sufficient numbers of
8 electronic voting machines can be acquired, provided (1) (A) the
9 legislative body of any such town or, in the case of a town in which the
10 legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, and (B) the
11 registrars of the town approve the use of such equipment, and (2) the
12 Secretary of the State prescribes specifications for (A) the security,

13 testing, set-up, operation and canvassing of the equipment, (B) the
14 ballots used for the equipment, and (C) the training of election officials
15 in the use of the equipment. No voting machine that records votes by
16 means of holes punched in designated voting response locations may
17 be used at any election under this section. The State Elections
18 Enforcement Commission may solicit and use volunteers to conduct an
19 exit poll of electors concerning their experience using the voting
20 equipment. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-236 of the
21 general statutes, the Secretary of the State may allow the volunteers to
22 conduct such poll within the radius of seventy-five feet of any outside
23 entrance in use as an entry to any polling place established in said
24 section 9-236, provided the volunteers maintain a minimum distance
25 specified by the Secretary. Not later than January 1, 2004, each town
26 that uses such equipment shall submit a report on such use to the
27 Secretary of the State. Not later than January 1, 2004, the State Elections
28 Enforcement Commission shall submit a report, to the Secretary of the
29 State, on the results of any exit poll regarding elector use of the
30 electronic equipment. Not later than February 1, 2004, the Secretary of
31 the State shall submit a summary of such reports and
32 recommendations concerning the use of such equipment to the joint
33 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
34 matters relating to elections, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
35 general statutes."