



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6622

LCO No. 4025

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT REQUIRING NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE RANKED ORDER VOTING AND CUMULATIVE VOTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) A voting machine approved by the Secretary of the State shall be
4 so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the candidates of at
5 least nine different parties or organizations. It shall permit voting in
6 absolute secrecy. It shall be provided with a lock by means of which
7 any illegal movement of the voting or registering mechanism is
8 absolutely prevented. Such machine shall be so constructed that an
9 elector cannot vote for a candidate or on a proposition for whom or on
10 which he is not lawfully entitled to vote.

11 (b) It shall be so constructed as to prevent an elector from voting for
12 more than one person for the same office, except when he is lawfully
13 entitled to vote for more than one person for that office, and it shall
14 afford him an opportunity to vote for only as many persons for that

15 office as he is by law entitled to vote for, at the same time preventing
16 his voting for the same person twice. It shall be so constructed that all
17 votes cast will be registered or recorded by the machine.
18 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the machine shall
19 also be so constructed as to provide for ranked order voting and
20 cumulative voting.

21 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), the Secretary
22 of the State may approve a voting machine which requires the elector
23 in the polls to place his ballot into the recording device and which
24 meets the voluntary performance and test standards for voting
25 systems adopted by the Federal Election Commission on January 25,
26 1990, as amended from time to time, and regulations which the
27 Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance with the provisions of
28 chapter 54, provided the voting machine shall (1) warn the elector of
29 overvotes, (2) not record overvotes, and (3) not record more than one
30 vote of an elector for the same person for an office.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require new voting equipment to accommodate ranked order voting and cumulative voting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]