

SENATE BILL 1929

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to voting machines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as the "Voter Confidence Act of 2022".

(b) On and after the effective date of this act, a county election commission purchasing or leasing a voting system shall ensure that the system produces a voter-verified paper audit trail.

(c) A voter-verified paper audit trail must not include the identity of the voter.

(d) Each county election commission shall preserve each voter-verified paper audit trail as a paper ballot pursuant to § 2-8-108 and, notwithstanding § 2-8-101(b), use each voter-verified paper audit trail in a recount of ballots.

(e) At the request of a county election commission, the state coordinator of elections shall provide to the commission necessary assistance and guidance in the selection of a voting system pursuant to the requirements of this section. To the extent federal funding through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301 et seq.) remains available for the cost of purchasing or leasing new voting systems or of upgrading existing voting systems, the coordinator shall provide financial assistance for purchasing or leasing such machines.

(f) As used in this section, "voter-verified paper audit trail" means:

(1) A paper ballot marked by a device that is available for inspection and verification by the voter at a polling location; or

(2) A record contemporaneously printed at the time a voter casts a ballot using a direct recording electronic system that is made available for inspection and verification by the voter at the polling location.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.