

SB 5395 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2006, all poll-site based electronic voting devices shall produce an individual paper record, at the time of voting, that may be reviewed by the voter before finalizing his or her vote. This record may not be removed from the polling place and must be machine readable for counting purposes. If the device is programmed to display the ballot in multiple languages, the paper record produced must be printed in the language used by each voter.

Provides that paper records produced by poll-site based electronic voting devices are subject to all of the requirements of chapter 29A.44 and chapter 29A.60 RCW for ballot handling, preservation, reconciliation, transit to the counting center, and storage. The paper records must be preserved in the same manner and for the same period of time as ballots.

Provides that a voter voting on a poll-site based electronic voting system may not leave the device during the voting process, except to verify his or her ballot or to request assistance from the precinct election officers, until the voting process is completed.

Provides that, before the close of business on the day after election day, the county auditor shall conduct an audit of results of votes cast on the poll-site based electronic voting devices used in the county.

Provides that anyone who removes a paper record produced by a poll-site based electronic voting system from a polling place without authorization is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.