

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5359

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning identifying marks on ballots.

**Sponsors:** Senators Oemig, Pridemore, Kline and McDermott.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**  
**House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs**

**Background:** Every ballot must be uniform within a precinct. Ballots must identify the type of primary or election and its date, the county, and contain instructions for recording a vote. Paper ballots and ballot cards may not be marked in a way that could identify a voter.

**Summary:** Elections officials are prohibited from entering into or extending a contract with a vendor if the contract allows the vendor to acquire an ownership interest in data or information pertaining to a voter, or any ballot. An election official may not mark a ballot or direct that a ballot be marked in a way that would identify the voter.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	44	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	96	0	(House amended)
Senate	43	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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