

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2829: Direct recording electronic voting equipment; authorize use at elections conducted in this state.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

33           **SECTION 1.** As used in this act:

34                   (a) "DRE" means direct recording electronic voting  
35 equipment.

36                   (b) "Direct recording electronic voting equipment"  
37 means a computer driven unit for casting and counting votes on  
38 which an elector touches a video screen or a button adjacent to a  
39 video screen to cast his or her vote.

40           **SECTION 2.** Each DRE unit shall:

41                   (a) Permit the voter to verify, in a private and  
42 independent manner, the votes selected by the voter on the ballot  
43 before the ballot is cast and counted;

44                   (b) Provide the voter with the opportunity, in a  
45 private and independent manner, to change the ballot or correct  
46 any error before the ballot is cast and counted, including, but  
47 not limited to, the opportunity to correct the error through the  
48 issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter is otherwise unable  
49 to change the ballot or correct any error;

50                   (c) If the voter selects votes for more candidates for  
51 a single office than are eligible for election:

52                           (i) Notify the voter that he has selected more  
53 candidates for that office than are eligible for election;

54 (ii) Notify the voter before his vote is cast and  
55 counted of the effect of casting multiple votes for such an  
56 office; and

57 (iii) Provide the voter with the opportunity to  
58 correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted.

59 (d) Produce a permanent paper record with a manual  
60 audit capacity which shall be available for any recount conducted  
61 with respect to the election in which the DRE unit is used;

62 (e) Have the capability to print the ballots cast by  
63 electors to be utilized in the event of a recount conducted with  
64 respect to the election in which the DRE is used;

65 (f) Be accessible for individuals with disabilities,  
66 including, but not limited to, nonvisual accessibility for the  
67 blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same  
68 opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and  
69 independence, as for other voters. This requirement may be  
70 satisfied through the use of at least one (1) DRE unit or other  
71 voting unit equipped for individuals with disabilities at each  
72 polling place;

73 (g) Provide alternative language accessibility pursuant  
74 to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

75 (h) Have a residual vote rate in counting ballots  
76 attributable to the voting system and not to voter error that  
77 complies with error rate standards established under the voting  
78 system standards issued by the Federal Election Commission which  
79 were in effect as of October 29, 2002.

80 **SECTION 3.** DREs shall be arranged in the polling place in  
81 such a manner as to:

82 (a) Ensure the privacy of the elector while voting on  
83 such units;

84 (b) Allow monitoring of the units by the poll managers  
85 while the polls are open; and

86 (c) Permit the public and lawful poll watchers to  
87 observe the voting without affecting the privacy of the electors  
88 as they vote.

89 **SECTION 4.** (1) The ballots for DREs shall be of such size  
90 and arrangement as will suit the construction of the DRE screen  
91 and shall be in plain, clear type that is easily readable by  
92 persons with normal vision.

93 (2) (a) If the equipment has the capacity for color  
94 display, the names of all candidates in a particular race shall be  
95 displayed in the same color, font and size, and the political  
96 party or affiliation of candidates may be displayed in a color  
97 different from that used to display the names of the candidates,  
98 but all political party or affiliations shall be displayed in the  
99 same color. All political party names shall be displayed in the  
100 same size and font.

101 (b) All ballot questions and constitutional amendments  
102 shall be displayed in the same color.

103 **SECTION 5.** (1) The officials in charge of the election of  
104 each county or municipality shall:

105 (a) Cause the proper ballot design and style to be  
106 programmed for each DRE unit which is to be used in any precinct  
107 within the county or municipality;

108 (b) Cause each DRE unit to be placed in proper order  
109 for voting;

110 (c) Examine each unit before it is sent to a polling  
111 place;

112 (d) Verify that each registering mechanism is set at  
113 zero; and

114 (e) Properly secure each unit so that the counting  
115 machinery cannot be operated until later authorized.

116 (2) The circuit clerk shall be the custodian of the DRE units  
117 acquired by the county.

118           (3) The officials in charge of the election shall be  
119 responsible for the preparation of the units to be used in the  
120 county or municipality at the primaries and other elections in the  
121 county or municipality.

122           (4) (a) On or before the third day preceding any election,  
123 except runoff elections, the officials in charge of the election  
124 shall have each DRE unit tested to ascertain that it will  
125 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all  
126 questions in a manner that the Secretary of State may prescribe by  
127 rule or regulation.

128           (b) On or before the third day preceding any runoff  
129 election, the officials in charge of the election shall test a  
130 number of DRE units at random to ascertain that the units will  
131 correctly count the votes cast for all offices. If the total  
132 number of DRE units in the county is thirty (30) units or less,  
133 all of the units shall be tested. If the total number of DRE  
134 units in the county is more than thirty (30) but not more than one  
135 hundred (100), then at least one-half (1/2) of the units shall be  
136 tested at random. If there are more than one hundred (100) DRE  
137 units in the county, the officials in charge of the election shall  
138 test at least fifteen percent (15%) of the units at random. In no  
139 event shall the officials in charge of the election test less than  
140 one (1) DRE unit per precinct. All memory cards to be used in the  
141 runoff shall be tested. Public notice of the time and place of  
142 the test shall be made at least five (5) days prior thereto.  
143 Representatives of candidates, political parties, news media and  
144 the public shall be permitted to observe such tests.

145           (5) In every primary or general election, the officials in  
146 charge of the election shall furnish, at the expense of the county  
147 or municipality, all ballots, forms of certificates and other  
148 papers and supplies required under this act which are not  
149 furnished by the Secretary of State, all of which shall be in the

150 form and according to any specifications prescribed from time to  
151 time by the Secretary of State.

152 **SECTION 6.** (1) The arrangement of offices, names of  
153 candidates and questions upon the DRE ballots shall conform as  
154 nearly as practicable to the arrangement of offices, names of  
155 candidates and questions on paper ballots.

156 (2) A separate write-in ballot, which may be in the form of  
157 a paper ballot, card or envelope in which the voter places his  
158 ballot card after voting, shall be provided if required to permit  
159 voters to write in the title of the office and the name of the  
160 person not on the printed ballot for whom he wishes to vote. The  
161 design of the write-in ballot shall permit the officials in charge  
162 of the election and poll workers when obtaining the vote count  
163 from such systems to determine readily whether an elector has cast  
164 any write-in vote not authorized by law.

165 **SECTION 7.** (1) The officials in charge of the election  
166 shall ensure the delivery of the proper DRE units to the polling  
167 places of the respective precincts at least one (1) hour before  
168 the time for opening the polls at each election and shall cause  
169 each unit to be set up in the proper manner for use in voting.

170 (2) The officials in charge of the election shall require  
171 that each DRE unit be thoroughly tested, inspected and sealed  
172 prior to the delivery of each DRE unit to the polling place.  
173 Prior to opening the polls each day on which the units will be  
174 used in an election, the manager shall break the seal on each  
175 unit, turn on each unit, certify that each unit is operating  
176 properly and is set to zero, and print a zero tape certifying that  
177 each unit is set to zero and shall keep or record such  
178 certification on each unit.

179 (3) The officials in charge of the election and poll  
180 managers shall provide ample protection against molestation of and  
181 injury to the DRE units, and, for that purpose, the officials in

182 charge of the election and poll managers may call upon any law  
183 enforcement officer to furnish any assistance that may be  
184 necessary. It shall be the duty of any law enforcement officer to  
185 furnish assistance when so requested by the officials in charge of  
186 the election or poll manager.

187 (4) The officials in charge of the election, in conjunction  
188 with the governing authorities, shall, at least one (1) hour prior  
189 to the opening of the polls:

190 (a) Provide sufficient lighting to enable electors to  
191 read the ballot and which shall be suitable for the use of the  
192 poll managers in examining the booth and conducting their  
193 responsibilities;

194 (b) Provide directions for voting on the DRE units  
195 which shall be prominently posted within each voting booth and at  
196 least two (2) sample ballots for the primary or general election  
197 which shall be prominently posted outside the enclosed space  
198 within the polling place;

199 (c) Ensure that each DRE unit's tabulating mechanism is  
200 secure throughout the day during the primary or general election;  
201 and

202 (d) Provide such other materials and supplies as may be  
203 necessary or required by law.

204 **SECTION 8.** The officials in charge of the election shall  
205 place on public exhibition and demonstrate the use of the DRE  
206 units throughout the county or municipality during the month  
207 preceding each primary and general election. At least during the  
208 initial year in which DRE equipment is used in a county or  
209 municipality, all officials in charge of the election shall offer  
210 a series of demonstrations and organized voter education  
211 initiatives to educate electors in the use of such equipment in  
212 voting.

213           **SECTION 9.** (1) All DRE units and related equipment shall be  
214 properly stored and secured when not in use.

215           (2) The circuit clerk shall store the DRE units and related  
216 equipment under his or her supervision when it is not in use at an  
217 election. The circuit clerk shall provide compensation for the  
218 safe storage and care of such units and related equipment if the  
219 units and related equipment are stored by a person or entity other  
220 than the circuit clerk.

221           **SECTION 10.** (1) A duly qualified elector shall cast his  
222 vote on a DRE unit by touching the screen or pressing the  
223 appropriate button on the unit for the candidate or issue of the  
224 elector's choice. After pressing the appropriate button on the  
225 unit or location on the screen to cast the ballot, the elector's  
226 vote shall be final and shall not be subsequently altered.

227           (2) If an elector leaves the voting booth without having  
228 pressed the appropriate button on the unit or location on the  
229 screen to finally cast his or her ballot and cannot be located to  
230 return to the booth to complete the voting process, then a poll  
231 manager shall take the steps necessary to void the ballot that was  
232 not completed by the elector and an appropriate record shall be  
233 made of the event.

234           **SECTION 11.** (1) In elections in which DRE voting equipment  
235 is used, the ballots shall be counted at the precinct under the  
236 direction of the officials in charge of the election. All persons  
237 who perform any duties at the precinct shall be deputized by the  
238 officials in charge of the election and only persons so deputized  
239 shall touch any ballot, container, paper or machine utilized in  
240 the conduct of the count or be permitted to be in the immediate  
241 area designed for officers deputized to conduct the count.

242           (2) All proceedings at the precincts shall be open to the  
243 view of the public, but no person except one employed and  
244 designated for the purpose by the officials in charge of the

245 election shall touch any ballot, any DRE unit or the tabulating  
246 equipment.

247 (3) After the polls have closed and all voting in the  
248 precinct has ceased, the poll manager shall shut down the DRE  
249 units and extract the election results from each unit as follows:

250 (a) The manager shall obtain the results tape from each  
251 DRE unit and verify that the number of ballots cast as recorded on  
252 the tape matches the public count number as displayed on the DRE  
253 unit;

254 (b) If a system is established by the Secretary of  
255 State, the poll manager shall first transmit the election results  
256 extracted from each DRE unit in each precinct via modem to the  
257 central tabulating center of the county; and

258 (c) The manager shall then extract the memory card, if  
259 applicable, from each DRE unit.

260 (4) (a) Upon completion of shutting down each DRE unit and  
261 extracting the election results, the manager shall cause to be  
262 completed and signed a ballot recap form, in sufficient  
263 counterparts, showing:

264 (i) The number of valid ballots;

265 (ii) The number of spoiled and invalid ballots;

266 (iii) The number of affidavit ballots; and

267 (iv) The number of unused affidavit ballots and  
268 any other unused ballots.

269 (b) The manager shall cause to be placed in the ballot  
270 supply container one (1) copy of the recap form and any unused,  
271 defective, spoiled and invalid ballots, each enclosed in an  
272 envelope or communication pack.

273 (5) The manager shall collect and retain the zero tape and  
274 the results tape for each DRE unit and place the tapes with the  
275 memory card, if any, for each unit and enclose all such items for  
276 all of the DRE units used in the precinct in one (1) envelope or



277 communication pack which shall be sealed and initialed by the  
278 manager so that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal.

279 (6) The returning manager shall then deliver the envelope or  
280 communication pack to the tabulating center for the county or  
281 municipality or to such other place designated by the officials in  
282 charge of the election and shall receive a receipt therefor. The  
283 copies of the recap forms, unused ballots, records and other  
284 materials shall be returned to the designated location and  
285 retained as provided by law.

286 (7) Upon receipt of the sealed envelope or communication  
287 pack containing the zero tapes, results tapes and memory cards,  
288 the officials in charge of the election shall verify the  
289 signatures on the envelope or communication pack. Once verified,  
290 the officials in charge of the election shall break the seal of  
291 the envelope or communication pack and remove its contents. The  
292 officials in charge of the election shall then download the  
293 results stored on the memory card from each DRE unit into the  
294 election management system located at the central tabulation point  
295 of the county in order to obtain election results for  
296 certification.

297 **SECTION 12.** In the case of challenged ballots cast on direct  
298 recording electronic voting equipment, the ballots shall be coded  
299 in such a way that the ballot of a challenged voter can be  
300 separated from other valid ballots at the time of tabulation and  
301 the challenged ballots shall be counted, challenged or rejected in  
302 accordance with the challenged ballot law.

303 **SECTION 13.** If for any reason any direct recording  
304 electronic voting equipment shall become inoperable, the poll  
305 managers, or the officials in charge of the election, shall direct  
306 voters to go to an operating terminal or to cast irregular  
307 ballots, if necessary, which shall be paper ballots. Such paper

308 ballots shall be administered, as far as is practicable, in  
309 accordance with the laws concerning paper ballots.

310 **SECTION 14.** Any person who willfully tampers with or damages  
311 any DRE unit or tabulating computer or device to be used or being  
312 used at or in connection with any primary or election or who  
313 prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any DRE  
314 unit or tabulating computer or device shall be guilty of a felony  
315 and, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less  
316 than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years.

317 **SECTION 15.** Section 23-15-391, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
318 amended as follows:

319 23-15-391. The board of supervisors of each county in the  
320 State of Mississippi shall \* \* \* utilize voting machines,  
321 electronic voting systems, \* \* \* optical mark reading equipment or  
322 direct recording electronic voting equipment which shall comply  
323 with the specifications provided by law. \* \* \* The election  
324 commissioners may designate \* \* \* elections to be administered by  
325 paper ballot where the election commissioners \* \* \* determine that  
326 administration of an election by paper ballot will be less  
327 expensive than administration of the same election by voting  
328 machines, electronic voting systems, \* \* \* optical mark reading  
329 equipment or direct recording electronic voting equipment.

330 **SECTION 16.** Section 23-15-169.3, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
331 is amended as follows:

332 23-15-169.3. (1) The Secretary of State shall have the  
333 authority to accept federal funds authorized under the Help  
334 America Vote Act of 2002 and to meet all the requirements of the  
335 Help America Vote Act of 2002 in order to expend the funds.

336 (2) Counties that purchase or have purchased since January  
337 1, 2001, voting systems that comply with the requirements of the  
338 Help America Vote Act of 2002 shall be eligible for federal funds  
339 accepted by the Secretary of State for Help America Vote Act of

340 2002 compliance efforts. The only restriction that the Secretary  
341 of State may place on the expenditure of federal funds for the  
342 purchase of voting systems is that the systems comply with the  
343 criteria and rules established in the Help America Vote Act of  
344 2002 for voting systems.

345 (3) Counties may purchase voting systems under the Help  
346 America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) if:

347 (a) The system selected is HAVA compliant as determined  
348 by the rules promulgated to effectuate the Help America Vote Act  
349 of 2002 in this state; and

350 (b) The County Board of Supervisors spreads upon its  
351 minutes a certification of the following:

352 (i) The county determined it is in its best  
353 interest to opt out of any statewide bulk purchase to be  
354 effectuated by the Secretary of State pursuant to his duties under  
355 HAVA;

356 (ii) The voting system selected by the county  
357 meets all of the foregoing requirements under HAVA ;

358 (iii) The county understands and accepts any and  
359 all liability for said system; and

360 (iv) The county is solely responsible for the  
361 purchase of said system.

362 Upon meeting the foregoing requirements, a county shall be  
363 reimbursed for its costs for said system from the HAVA funds for  
364 this purpose; however, the county shall be limited in its  
365 reimbursement to an amount to be determined by the Secretary of  
366 State based upon an objective formula implemented for the  
367 statewide, bulk purchase of said voting systems. Any costs over  
368 and above the set formula described herein shall be the sole  
369 responsibility of the county.

370 (c) In addition to other information required by  
371 paragraph (b) of this subsection, any county that purchases voting

372 systems after the effective date of this act shall spread upon its  
373 minutes certification of the following:

374 (i) All voting systems within the county are the  
375 same, except those machines that are handicap accessible as  
376 required by HAVA; and

377 (ii) The voting systems have a device or mechanism  
378 that allows any votes cast to be verified by paper audit trail.

379 **SECTION 17.** (1) In any county having a population greater  
380 than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) according to the 2000  
381 federal decennial census, the number of voting machines to be used  
382 in each voting precinct must be distributed in direct proportion  
383 to voter turnout in all elections held within such county for the  
384 preceding two (2) years, with a greater number of voting machines  
385 to be used in voting precincts where voter turnout has been the  
386 highest.

387 (2) The county board of supervisors of any county  
388 having a population greater than two hundred fifty thousand  
389 (250,000) according to the 2000 federal decennial census shall  
390 create a special fund to deposit any monies received by such  
391 county for reimbursement to comply with the "Help America Vote Act  
392 of 2002" for direct recording electronic voting equipment  
393 purchased within five (5) years preceding the effective date of  
394 this act. Monies deposited in such special fund shall be used by  
395 such county board of supervisors only to upgrade direct recording  
396 electronic voting equipment, to purchase additional voting  
397 equipment or to improve such voting equipment. This subsection  
398 shall stand repealed on July 1, 2010.

399 **SECTION 18.** Section 18, Chapter 305, Laws of 2004, is  
400 amended as follows:

401 (1) There is created a task force to study voting systems  
402 that comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and their  
403 suitability for use in elections in Mississippi. The task force

404 shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
405 Legislature before or by September 15, 2005, including any  
406 recommended legislation.

407 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following  
408 members:

409 (a) The Secretary of State, or his designee;

410 (b) The Chairman of the Elections Committee of the  
411 Senate;

412 (c) The Chairman of the Apportionment and Elections  
413 Committee of the House of Representatives;

414 (d) A circuit clerk appointed by the President of the  
415 Mississippi Association of Circuit Clerks;

416 (e) A member of the general public who is not an  
417 elected official or state employee, appointed by the Governor;

418 (f) A member of the general public who is not an  
419 elected official or state employee, appointed by the Lieutenant  
420 Governor; and

421 (g) A member of the general public who is not an  
422 elected official or state employee, appointed by the Speaker of  
423 the House of Representatives.

424 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
425 the effective date of Section 18, Chapter 305, Laws of 2004, and,  
426 within fifteen (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated  
427 jointly by the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor,  
428 the task force shall meet and organize by selecting from its  
429 membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The vice chairman  
430 shall also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping  
431 all records of the task force. A majority of the members of the  
432 task force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its  
433 officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an  
434 affirmative vote of a majority of the task force shall be  
435 required. All members shall be notified in writing of all

436 meetings, such notices to be mailed at least fifteen (15) days  
437 before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

438 (4) The task force shall study voting systems that comply  
439 with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and make recommendations  
440 regarding the types of voting systems that are suitable for use in  
441 Mississippi.

442 (5) Members of the task force who are not legislators, state  
443 officials or state employees shall be compensated at the per diem  
444 rate authorized by Section 25-3-69 and shall be reimbursed in  
445 accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses  
446 incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members  
447 of the task force shall be paid from the contingent expense funds  
448 of their respective houses in the same manner as provided for  
449 committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session.  
450 However, no per diem or expense for attending meetings of the task  
451 force will be paid to legislative members of the task force while  
452 the Legislature is in session. No task force member may incur per  
453 diem, travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by  
454 vote, at a meeting of the task force, which action shall be  
455 recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. Nonlegislative  
456 members shall be paid from any funds made available to the task  
457 force for that purpose.

458 (6) The task force shall use clerical and legal staff  
459 already employed by the Legislature and any other staff assistance  
460 made available to it. To effectuate the purposes of this section,  
461 any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of  
462 the state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the  
463 request of the chairman of the task force, provide to the task  
464 force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task  
465 force to properly carry out its task.

466           **SECTION 19.** Section 18, Chapter 305, Laws of 2004, as  
467 amended by Section 18 of this act shall be codified in Title 23,  
468 Chapter 15 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

469           **SECTION 20.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
470 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
471 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
472 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
473 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
474 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
475 extended.

476           **SECTION 21.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
477 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
478 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC  
2 VOTING EQUIPMENT (DRE) TO CAST BALLOTS AND RECORD VOTES AT  
3 ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE; TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS THAT  
4 SUCH SYSTEMS MUST MEET TO BE USED IN ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE; TO  
5 PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH DRE'S MUST BE ARRANGED AT THE POLLING  
6 PLACE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORM OF THE DRE BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THE  
7 DUTIES OF THE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF THE ELECTION IN REGARD TO THE  
8 USE OF DRE'S; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CIRCUIT CLERK SHALL BE THE  
9 CUSTODIAN OF DRE UNITS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TESTING OF DRE UNITS  
10 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICES,  
11 NAMES OF CANDIDATES AND QUESTIONS ON DRE BALLOTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A  
12 WRITE-IN BALLOT FOR USE IN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED WITH DRE'S; TO  
13 REQUIRE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE USE OF DRE'S; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
14 STORAGE OF DRE UNITS WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE; TO PROVIDE THE  
15 MANNER IN WHICH AN ELECTOR VOTES ON A DRE UNIT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
16 VOIDING OF BALLOTS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES WHEN THE ELECTOR DOES NOT  
17 COMPLETE THE VOTING PROCESS; TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH VOTES  
18 ARE COUNTED AND THE RESULTS DETERMINED IN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED WITH  
19 DRE'S; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH CHALLENGED BALLOTS ARE  
20 HANDLED IN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED WITH DRE'S; TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO  
21 TAMPER WITH OR DAMAGE A DRE UNIT OR TABULATING COMPUTED OR DEVICE  
22 BEING USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ELECTION OR TO PREVENT THE  
23 CORRECT OPERATION OF ANY DRE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF IRREGULAR  
24 PAPER BALLOTS IF DRE UNITS BECOME INOPERABLE AT AN ELECTION; TO  
25 AMEND SECTION 23-15-391, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY  
26 THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-169.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
27 TO CLARIFY THE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS ACCEPTED BY THE  
28 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT COMPLIANCE EFFORTS OF

29 COUNTIES THAT PURCHASE CERTAIN VOTING SYSTEMS; TO AMEND SECTION  
30 18, CHAPTER 305, LAWS OF 2004, TO REMOVE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE  
31 TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOTING SYSTEMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Burton

X (SIGNED)  
Ross

X (SIGNED)  
Turner

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Reynolds

X (SIGNED)  
Bailey

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Markham