

HOUSE BILL 295

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Chapter 1108 of the Public Acts of 2008, relative to provisions of the "Tennessee Voter Confidence Act".

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, is amended by deleting chapter 20 in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a), is amended by deleting the following subdivisions and redesignating remaining subdivisions accordingly:

(19) "Precinct-based optical scanner" means an optical ballot scanner that is located in the precinct and into which optical scan voter-verified paper ballots, marked either by hand by the voter or with the assistance of a device, are inserted to count the voter verified paper ballot;

(31) "Top race" means the presidential race, if the presidential race is on the ballot, the governor's race, if the governor's race is on the ballot, and in addition to these races, if other races are on the ballot, the race that receives the most votes as determined by the unofficial machine vote count for each political subdivision election held and on the ballot;

(32) "Voter-verified paper ballot" means a permanent, individual paper ballot that is marked either manually by the voter or with the assistance of a device and verified by the voter as correctly reflecting the voter's intent, before the voter's vote is counted by the precinct-based optical scanner; and

(33) "Voting system" means a precinct-based optical scanner.

SECTION 3. Public Chapter 1108 of the Public Acts of 2008, is amended by deleting Section 6 of such act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.