

Public Support for Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail

WHEREAS, most Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machines in use in Texas are not being used with any method which allows voters to verify that their votes are recorded properly, even though paper trail options are available for many DRE machines, and

WHEREAS, the lack of a Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) makes it impossible to conduct a recount or check the accuracy of vote counting, and

WHEREAS, numerous design flaws and failures have been documented in DRE's from multiple manufacturers, and

WHEREAS, thirteen Texas Counties have electronic voting machines in use and many more will be adding them in 2006 to comply with Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements;

Now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Texas Democratic Party direct its leadership, including the State Chair as well as all County Chairs, to actively and aggressively advocate the inclusion of a voter verifiable paper audit trail with all Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machines in use for all elections, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such paper records be the official ballots of record and be used in any recount, and be it further

RESOLVED, that aggressive advocacy for this verified voting technology by the Texas Democratic Party leadership should include proactively communicating this urgent need to all Democratic party officeholders and candidates, especially those in charge of elections, media interviews, public meetings and news releases stating the Party's continuing demand for a VVPAT.

Submitted to and Adopted by Precinct Number _____, _____ County

Precinct Convention Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)

Submitted to and Adopted by State Sen. District _____, _____ County

Sen. District/Co. Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)

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