

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging the Allegheny County Board of Elections to conduct a random sample audit of software currently loaded onto the County's electronic voting machines in order to ensure that such software meets applicable federal and state requirements, and to implement a public video monitoring system in the facilities in which the County's voting machines are stored once the software has been verified.

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote act mandated the replacement of Allegheny County's lever voting machines in time for the May 2006 Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County ultimately replaced its lever voting machines with iVotronic touch screen machines, in compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to be legal for use in Pennsylvania, however, electronic voting machines must run software that has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of State for use within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, because voting machine software can be changed and/or updated to a different version with relative ease, it is the judgment of Council that it would be desirable to conduct a random sample audit on the voting machines in use within Allegheny County in order to ensure that only approved software versions are in use; and

WHEREAS, because it is possible that software could be changed once it is verified;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, the Allegheny County Board of Elections meet in order to consider conducting a random sample audit of software currently loaded onto the County's electronic voting machines in order to ensure that such software meets applicable federal and state requirements, and to consider the implementation of a public video monitoring system in the facilities in which the County's voting machines are stored once the software has been verified.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: VICE PRESIDENT MARTONI

CO-SPONSORS: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

In Council September 9, 2008.

Read and Approved.

Rich Fitzgerald

Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:

John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John R.

From: Mascio, John R.
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:57 PM
To: Onorato, Daniel; Defazio, John P; McCullough, Charles P.
Subject: Bill No. 4326-08 Motion of Council
Attachments: 4326-08.PDF

Dear Election Board Members,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 9, 2008, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion (Bill No. 4326-08) urging the Allegheny County Board of Elections to conduct a random sample audit of software currently loaded onto the County's electronic voting machines in order to ensure that such software meets applicable federal and state requirements, and to implement a public video monitoring system in the facilities in which the County's voting machines are stored once the software has been verified.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk