

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.

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;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, the Allegheny County Board of Elections should devote serious consideration to 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.

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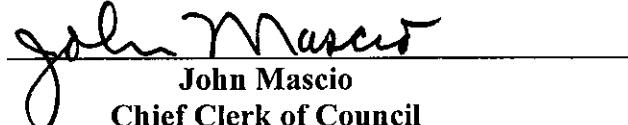
In Council June 17, 2008.

Read and Approved,



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

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At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on June 17, 2008, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion (Bill No. 4138-08) 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.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council