



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY
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PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

SENATE BILL 247

An Act amending the Pennsylvania Election Code to provide for voter-verified paper ballots.

This bill would require voter-verified paper records for the following balloting methods: optical scanners, mailed ballots, ballot marking devices, touch-screen, or other electronic voting machines. These records would help to safeguard against tampering and software failure where counties use electronic voting machines and would permit all voters to verify the accuracy of their vote before it is officially registered by the county.

In addition, the bill requires each county to conduct a mandatory hand count of the voter verified paper records in at least 5% of its precincts, which would be randomly selected. Counties would then be required to compare the results of the hand count with the official results and publish the findings.