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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MANDATORY USE OF PAPER BALLOTS

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Morin, Corvese, Jackson, and Fellela

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-19 of the General Laws entitled "Conduct of Election and
- 2 Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>17-19-2.2. Mandatory use of paper ballots.</u>
- 4 All voting regulated by this title shall be conducted through the use of paper ballots,
- 5 which shall create a verifiable paper record available for post-election physical audits and
- 6 recounts to ensure that the electronic voting machines are accurately recording votes.
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require that all local, state and federal voting be conducted through the use of paper ballots.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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