

## TrueVoteCT Establishes a Statewide Coalition to push for Accessible, Verifiable Voting

A number of grassroots community groups have established a statewide coalition to ensure verifiable and accessible voting in Connecticut. The coalition will initially focus on:

- Public education on the importance of a verifiable, accessible voting system for CT
- Monitoring the State's purchase of electronic voting machines
- Supporting the passage of legislation requiring a Voter-Verified Paper Trail

This is the first of an occasional series of newsletters to keep the public informed about verified voting issues. The new coalition has established a website at: <http://truevotect.org/>

## Voter-Verified Paper Trail Bill is introduced on 1st Day of the 2005 Legislative Session

On January 5, 2005, State Senator Donald J. DeFronzo (D – 6<sup>th</sup> District) introduced SB55:

*AN ACT PROMOTING VOTING SYSTEM ACCURACY, INTEGRITY AND SECURITY THROUGH VOTER-VERIFIED PERMANENT PAPER RECORDS.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:  
That section 9-242 of the general statutes be amended to require that any voting machine approved by the Secretary of the State for an election or primary to be held on or after January 1, 2006, be so constructed as to produce an individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record for each elector casting a vote on the machine.

*Statement of Purpose:*

To improve the integrity and security of Connecticut's electoral process.

This bill has been referred to the Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections (GAE).

For a copy of SB55, please visit <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/tob/s/2005SB-00055-R00-SB.htm>

## State of Connecticut Issues a Request for Proposal for Electronic Voting Machines

On December 21, 2004, the Secretary of the State issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for *Direct Recording Electronic ("DRE") Voting Machines*:

The Connecticut Secretary of the State's Office is seeking to contract with a firm capable of providing Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting Systems, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations, for the cities and towns of the State of Connecticut.

To review the entire RFP, please see [http://www.das.state.ct.us/rfpdoc/004\\_0401.pdf](http://www.das.state.ct.us/rfpdoc/004_0401.pdf)