

1 change his or her ballot or correct any error in such record or vote; however, it shall not
2 allow the elector to have actual physical possession of such record;

3 (6.3) Each DRE unit shall bear a unique identifying number;

4 (6.4) Each DRE unit shall be equipped with a storage device that:

5 (A) Stores each of the elector verified, permanent paper records at the same time as
6 such elector's votes are stored electronically by the DRE unit;

7 (B) Bears the same unique identifying number as the DRE unit to which it is attached;
8 and

9 (C) Can be removed from the DRE unit for the purpose of transporting the permanent
10 paper records contained therein to a central tabulating center;".

11 SECTION 3.

12 Said part is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-379.10, relating
13 to procedure for electors using DRE units, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b)
14 to read as follows:

15 "(b) After the summary screen is displayed and the elector desires to make no further
16 changes to his or her votes, the elector shall be notified that he or she is about to cast the
17 ballot. The Prior to the elector casting his or her vote on the unit, the unit shall produce for
18 the elector's review a permanent paper record of the elector's votes to be cast. The elector
19 shall then review such permanent paper record and, if such record is correct, the elector
20 shall then press the appropriate button on the unit or location on the screen to actually cast
21 his or her ballot and cause such votes to be recorded, which shall also cause the permanent
22 paper record to be deposited in a ballot box or other secure container. If the elector
23 discovers an error or errors in the votes shown on the permanent paper record, the elector
24 shall advise the poll officers who shall take such steps as necessary to allow the elector to
25 correct such error or errors. After pressing the appropriate button on the unit or location
26 on the screen to cast the ballot, the elector's vote shall be final and shall not be
27 subsequently altered. The permanent paper records shall be secured in locked ballot boxes
28 or other secure containers at all times and such ballot boxes or containers shall not be
29 opened nor shall such ballots be counted unless and until required to be counted pursuant
30 to a recount or an election contest proceeding."

31 SECTION 4.

32 Said part is further amended by adding a new Code Section 21-2-379.12 to read as follows:
33 "21-2-379.12.

34 (a) The Secretary of State shall implement a pilot program providing for the use of direct
35 recording electronic (DRE) voting equipment equipped and configured with an elector

1 verified, permanent paper record of the votes cast by each elector on each DRE unit in the
2 Counties of Cobb, Columbia, and Decatur for the 2006 general primary and general
3 election.

4 (b) Each DRE unit used in the pilot project shall meet the requirements of this subsection.
5 Each unit shall produce an elector verified, permanent paper record of the votes cast by
6 each elector on such device and shall provide the elector with an opportunity to review the
7 permanent paper record privately and independently before casting his or her vote on the
8 unit and to change his or her ballot or correct any error in such record or vote; however, it
9 shall not allow the elector to have actual physical possession of such record. Each unit
10 shall bear a unique identifying number and each unit shall be equipped with a storage
11 device that:

12 (1) Stores each of the elector verified, permanent paper records at the same time as such
13 elector's votes are stored electronically by the DRE unit;

14 (2) Bears the same unique identifying number as the DRE unit to which it is attached;
15 and

16 (3) Can be removed from the DRE unit for the purpose of transporting the permanent
17 paper records contained therein to a central tabulating center.

18 (c) In those counties constituting the pilot project in the 2006 elections, each duly qualified
19 elector shall cast his or her vote on a direct recording electronic (DRE) unit by touching the
20 screen or pressing the appropriate button on the unit for the candidate or issue of such
21 elector's choice. After having the opportunity to vote in all races and upon all questions
22 in which the elector is eligible to vote, the unit shall display a summary of the choices
23 which the elector has made. At that time, the elector shall also be notified of any races or
24 questions in which the elector did not make a selection and all other choices of the elector
25 shall be displayed for the elector's review. The elector shall have the opportunity to
26 change any choices which the elector made in voting the ballot and be allowed to vote in
27 those races and on those questions which the elector did not previously make a selection
28 or cast a vote, and the elector will again be presented with a summary display of his or her
29 choices. After the summary screen is displayed and the elector desires to make no further
30 changes to his or her votes, the elector shall be notified that he or she is about to cast the
31 ballot. Prior to the elector casting his or her vote on the unit, the unit shall produce for the
32 elector's review a permanent paper record of the elector's votes to be cast. The elector
33 shall then review such permanent paper record and, if such record is correct, the elector
34 shall then press the appropriate button on the unit or location on the screen to actually cast
35 his or her ballot and cause such votes to be recorded, which shall also cause the permanent
36 paper record to be deposited in a ballot box or other secure container. If the elector
37 discovers an error or errors in the votes shown on the permanent paper record, the elector

1 shall advise the poll officers who shall take such steps as necessary to allow the elector to
2 correct such error or errors. After pressing the appropriate button on the unit or location
3 on the screen to cast the ballot, the elector's vote shall be final and shall not be
4 subsequently altered. The permanent paper records shall be secured in locked ballot boxes
5 or other secure containers at all times and such ballot boxes or containers shall not be
6 opened nor shall such ballots be counted unless and until required to be counted pursuant
7 to a recount or an election contest proceeding.

8 (d) This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on July 1, 2007."

9 **SECTION 5.**

10 Section 4 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its
11 becoming law without such approval. The remainder of this Act shall become effective on
12 July 1, 2007.

13 **SECTION 6.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.