

2335-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, McDermott, Schmidt and Ruderman; by request of Secretary of State)

Brief Description: Updating vote recording and reporting.

HB 2335-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to methods and procedures for vote recording and reporting.

Provides that, beginning January 1, 2007, no voting device or machine that uses punched holes to record the voter's choices may be used to conduct a primary or general or special election in this state.

Declares that section 11 of this act takes effect once Congress passes legislation that provides specific funding to replace voting systems and vote tallying equipment. If federal legislation is not approved and funding is not provided by January 1, 2005, section 11 of this act is void in its entirety.

Declares that a person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW who knowingly:

(1) Tampers with or impedes the use of any form of electronic voting or vote recording system; or

(2) Tampers with or impedes access to any vote reporting or election results reporting system.

Repeals RCW 29.33.340.