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IN SENATE

February 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 7 of article 2 of the Constitution, in relation to requiring the use of paper ballots in elections

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 7 of article 2 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 7. All elections by the citizens, except for such town officers as may by law be directed to be otherwise chosen, shall be by *paper* ballot, [~~or by such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided~~] *such* that secrecy in voting be preserved. The legislature shall provide for identification of voters through their signatures in all cases where personal registration is required and shall also provide for the signatures, at the time of voting, of all persons voting in person by ballot [~~or voting machine~~], whether or not they have registered in person, save only in cases of illiteracy or physical disability.

§ 2. Resolved (if the concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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