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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A VOTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS: In most local and state elections uninformed voters often vote only by party or recognized name; and,

WHEREAS: Information about local and state candidates is sparse and difficult to find; and,

WHEREAS: Most voters choose to not vote in local and state elections rather than spend time researching candidates.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland Board of Elections to create a Voter information system which would be put into effect by January 1st 2006; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this system would include a brief description of each candidate running for office, a recent photo of each candidate running for office, a simple and clear summary of the issues each candidate running for office supports or is fighting, a short message from each candidate running for office, and information for contacting each candidate running for office; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this system would be available to the public for free by Internet, printed booklets, and/or an automated phone answering service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the cost of this system come directly from the Maryland Board of Elections budget.

MANDATES: Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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