

**R034-0708**

10      **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ELECTIONS- BALLOT REFORM**

20      **WHEREAS:**     DIEBOLD MACHINES have been hacked in the 2004 election

30      **WHEREAS:**     Two members of the electorate from OHIO were indicted in 2007 for hacking  
40                     election counts in 2004; and,

50      **WHEREAS:**     Paper or Scan-Tron ballots would be less risky and less likely to be altered  
60                     and provide a paper trail for possible recounts; and,

70      **WHEREAS:**     In the conception of the United States paper ballots were used and worked  
80                     nicely before the advent of computers; and,

90      **WHEREAS:**     Hackers successfully were able to get into Maryland’s voting machines in less  
100                    than ten seconds; and,

110     **WHEREAS:**     DIEBOLD readers can read a NO as YES through a simple malfunction; and,

120     **WHEREAS:**     Having a small number of machines leads to long lines for voting; and,

130     **WHEREAS:**     Being able to go in with a pen and paper checking your candidate allows people  
140                     to get their ballots in a timely manner; and,

150     **WHEREAS:**     A Scan-Tron vote can be read in the same amount of time as a DIEBOLD ballot,  
160                     and leaves a paper trail for recounting votes; and,

170     **WHEREAS:**     Hand counting ballots would ensure every vote would be counted.

180     **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland  
190                     General Assembly to discontinue using computer voting machines that don’t  
200                     provide a paper trail; and,

210     **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Polling places shall provide paper ballots, upon request on the  
220                     day of election, and,

230     **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Maryland shall have an independent group made up equally of  
240                     Democrats, Republicans, and independently registered voters hand count every  
250                     ballot instead of the meager 5% they count currently.

260     **MANDATES:**     Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland  
270                     Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor  
280                     Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, Senate President  
290                     Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates  
300                     Peter Franchot, Comptroller  
310                     Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer  
320                     Robert L. Walker, Chairman of the Board of Elections  
330                     Linda H. Lamone, State Administrator of Elections

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