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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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