

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CASORIO, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, KOTIK, CALTAGIRONE AND  
GERGELY, JANUARY 30, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 30, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to permit the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reinstitute the electoral use  
3 of manual, old-style lever voting machines.

4 WHEREAS, The right to vote and the right to have one's vote  
5 counted are key values of our democratic government; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States and the Commonwealth of  
7 Pennsylvania are obligated to ensure that every person's vote is  
8 counted; and

9 WHEREAS, The recent implementation of electronic voting  
10 machines in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was a source of  
11 problems and frustration for voters on November 7, 2006, when  
12 electronic voting machine glitches in several counties forced  
13 polls to extend their hours of operation; and

14 WHEREAS, Recent studies by the Massachusetts Institute of  
15 Technology have shown that electronic voting machines are less  
16 reliable in accurately counting votes and do not produce an  
17 independent paper record of each vote to be used in the case of  
18 a recount or statistical sampling; and

1       WHEREAS, A report commissioned by the State of Maryland found  
2   that the electronic voting system showed a high risk of  
3   compromise; and

4       WHEREAS, A study group known as the Caltech-MIT Voting  
5   Technology Project found that lever machines were more accurate  
6   than electronic voting machines; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
8   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to permit the  
9   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reinstitute the electoral use of  
10   manual, old-style lever voting machines; and be it further

11      RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
12   the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
13   member of Congress from Pennsylvania.