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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 394 Session of  
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 23, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the  
2 issue of voting system technology and to report to the Senate  
3 its findings and recommendations.

4 WHEREAS, The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-  
5 252, 52 U.S.C. § 21081 et seq.) provided to the states funds to  
6 update their voting technology; and

7 WHEREAS, Two thousand six counties across the country  
8 replaced their voting machines utilizing the Federal money; and

9 WHEREAS, The voting machines have a life span of 10 to 15  
10 years and there are 10 different electronic voting systems in  
11 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Joint State Government  
13 Commission to establish an advisory committee consisting of the  
14 following members:

15 (1) The Secretary of State or a designee.

16 (2) The Commissioner for the Bureau of Commissions,  
17 Elections and Legislation or a designee.

18 (3) Representatives from groups advocating for

1 individuals who are hearing impaired, physically disabled and  
2 blind or visually impaired.

3 (4) County commissioners. The members chosen under this  
4 paragraph must be from geographically and politically diverse  
5 areas of this Commonwealth.

6 (5) County election officials. The members chosen under  
7 this paragraph must be from geographically and politically  
8 diverse areas of this Commonwealth.

9 (6) Other individuals selected by the Joint State  
10 Government Commission;

11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the study include the following components:

13 (1) Information gathered from other states, including,  
14 but not limited to, the administration of elections and  
15 technology.

16 (2) A survey of counties in this Commonwealth concerning  
17 the administration of elections, current and future  
18 technology and needed improvements.

19 (3) The cost to administer elections and to improve,  
20 upgrade, modernize or replace election system technology;

21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission shall  
23 have 18 months from the date of adoption of this resolution to  
24 report to the Senate its findings and recommendations.