

The Gold Standard SAVE Elections Act

Suggestion for name of the bill

SECTION 1. This act shall be cited as the "The Gold Standard Secure, Accurate, and Verifiable Elections Act".

SECTION 2.

Paper poll books only

Section 2-1 Only paper poll books may be used at voting locations in any election throughout this State. The purchase of electronic poll books, or the use of electronic poll books during an election, is prohibited.

SECTION 3.

In Person Registration with valid ID and proof of citizenship; transparency of the voter rolls

People must register every 4 years in person at their county office with a valid ID confirming residency and citizenship, at that time a photo id voter registration card would be issued. Voter rolls must be provided free of charge to citizens including active, inactive and archived via the SOS or the County for public download. Voter rolls must be maintained by county or state election officials with separate database for active and inactive/archived.

SECTION 4

Hand-count, hand-marked ballots at the precinct;

- (A) For each statewide primary, general and special election conducted in the state, all votes cast within each county must be on hand-marked, paper ballots and counted by hand at each precinct. The ballots will be printed on paper employing reasonable anti-copy features such as watermarks, micro-letters, guilloches, UV ink, and/or integrated security holograms, or a tear-off stub that doesn't id a voter but allows voters to confirm their ballot selections on line
- (B) All Ballots must have two election judges/poll workers initials on it before handing the ballot to a voter, and ballot without the required initials is null and void.
- (C) Absentee ballots must be sorted by precinct and securely transported to the precincts to be counted on election night. The Absentee ballots must remain in their envelopes until the close of the polls. Any voter that comes in to vote in person on election day, their absentee ballot is automatically spoiled. All ballots from the precinct shall be counted at the precinct.
- (D) Precincts shall be kept to 1,500-2,000 qualified registrants +10% overage. Once this overage is reached a plan for a new precinct(s) will be developed and implemented within 1 year. The county auditor/clerk who violates this is guilty of a felony.
- (E) Each precinct within each county must hand count all ballots within the precinct in a manner that can be observed by the public both in-person and online via streaming high-definition video. Provided, the secrecy of the filling and casting of the ballot must be maintained at all times such that a voter's identity cannot be tied to a ballot.
- (D) Nothing in this section may be construed as precluding the purchase and testing of a voting system with features or components necessary to ensure compliance with other federal and state law requirements including, without limitation, at least one accessible voting system per polling place equipped for individuals with disabilities in accordance with 52 U.S.C. Section 21081 of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002".

SECTION 5

Chain of Custody provisions

(A)(1) Any and all parts and components of the voting system, as well as any other systems, equipment, hardware, materials, and devices used to conduct election-related processes, must be accounted for throughout the time and place of their use, as well as upgrades, maintenance and storage.

(2) The provisions of this section also applies to any off-the-shelf equipment or components used to conduct elections, such as cameras, copiers, desktop, laptops and printers.

(3) The types of election equipment, components, and other items subject to the provisions of this subsection specifically include, but are not limited to: ballots, cameras, desktops, laptops, poll books, internet connectivity devices or hardware, machines, tamper-evident seals, flash drives, and printers.

(B) Each county board of voter registration and elections shall maintain such chain of custody records throughout the twenty-four-month retention period. Chain of custody documentation must include, without limitation, the location, ballot container seal numbers, date, time, and ballot couriers for every transfer or change made concerning the materials or information referenced in this section. These records shall be available via public records requests. The name of any person who comes into contact with or modifies, moves, opens, transfers, updates, or interacts with the materials referenced in this section must be recorded along with the reason for that person's interaction.

SECTION 6. One day of voting minimize absentee/mail in votes

(A) Only eligible pre-registered US citizens should be allowed to vote. Qualified electors in the following categories who are unable to vote during the hours the polls are open on election day, must be permitted to vote by absentee ballot in an election:

You can vote absentee in any election if you are unable to vote in person because:

- You will be out of town on election day and must provide an out-of-county address and the beginning and ending date of time expected to be out-of-jurisdiction location ; *or*
- You have a religious observance that prevents you from voting in person; *or*
- You have a physical disability, hospitalization or illness that prevents you from voting in person; *or*
- You have an employment commitment or must care for an adult or child during the entire time polls are open; *or*
- You are confined in a penal institution for a conviction of a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial; *or*
- You are a member of the “State” Address Confidentiality Program or are protected by a Domestic Violence Protective Order; *or*
- You are a member of the Armed Forces and Merchant Marines of the United States, their spouses, and dependents residing with them;

Example Absentee Application Form (NH) -

<https://www.sos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt561/files/documents/2024-09/2024-absentee-ballot-application-state-election-remediation-update-9.23.24.pdf>

SECTION 7. Election day is a holiday

(A) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is designated as Election Day and is a state holiday.