

DISAPPOINTED

I was deeply disappointed to see The Telegraph editors use a fallacious, straw man argument attempting to discredit N.A. Pietrzak's letter promoting voter verified paper ballots (VVPB). The paper trail The Telegraph described is Not "voter verified." And that is not what Pietrzak spoke about. Shame on the editors.

Georgia's electronic voting machines can be modified to produce a VVPB, but there is no political will nor wisdom to do so at this time. The League of Women Voters, the vast majority of computer scientists and investigative reporters agree with Pietrzak.

Concerned, knowledgeable citizens want a voter verified paper ballot. The only way to do this in Georgia right now is to request a paper absentee ballot by submitting a short application form to your county Board of Elections. The paper absentee ballot is delivered to your address by U.S. mail. Vote in privacy at your convenience. Mail your double-sealed ballot back to your county Board of Elections.

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www.macon-bibb.com/voting.htm

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VERIFIED BY WHOM?

My, my, it looks like The Telegraph editors bought a pig in a poke. The Georgia voting machines do not keep a paper trail of each vote. They keep a record of what the software of each machine records as a vote. It is very possible for the software to be corrupted and for example record every second or third vote for candidate X as a vote for candidate Y. On an amendment vote, to record a yes vote for every third no. Just enough to change the results without raising suspicion.

Any recount recounts just what the software recorded. For a real paper trail, the voter has to be able to see how his vote was recorded on a printed paper tape, that is saved separately. In the case of a recount, the printed tape can be compared to the electronic tally. That is what makes a verifiable election.

At this time when some state governments are doing whatever they can to restrict the vote, we need to know we have votes that we can count and recount.

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