



HOUSE BILL 373: Paper Ballots by 2020/Certain Counties

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 373 would extend until 2020 the time that certain counties have to comply with the paper ballot requirement of S.L. 2013-381.*

CURRENT LAW: North Carolina currently uses two types of electronic voting systems, optical scan machines and direct record electronic machines. Optical scan machines tabulate paper ballots that have been hand-marked by the voter. Direct record electronic (DRE) touchscreen voting machines allow voters to mark and submit their votes electronically and do not produce paper ballots.

Effective January 1, 2018, S.L. 2013-381, requires that all voting systems must generate an individual paper ballot marked by the voter.

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed committee substitute would extend to 2020 the deadline by which the voting system used must generate and individual paper ballot marked by the voter in those counties that use DRE's on election day, as of January 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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