

# **SENATE BILL 9: ELECTION SECURITY**

## **BY SENATOR HUGHES**

- Requires that all voting systems have a voter verifiable paper audit trail and helps counties that have recently purchased systems without that component pay to retrofit their machines.
- Uses the paper trail to conduct ongoing, randomized audits statewide to confirm that electronic systems are recording votes as voted. This program would begin as a pilot program for audits but go statewide once all paper systems are in place.
- Allows law enforcement to conduct operations and investigations during elections to check for vulnerabilities in the electoral system or process.
- Prohibits pre-checking boxes to affirm eligibility to register, like citizenship, on mass-mailed voter registration cards.
- Requires those assisting curbside voters to provide more information about the nature of their relationship to the voter and the reason for assistance.
- Requires those assisting other voters in the polling place to provide basic information including their name and relationship to the voter.
- Requires those who seek to vote by an absentee ballot by mail due to a disability to affirmatively indicate that they meet the definition of "disabled" under the code, not merely check a box that makes a conclusory statement that they are disabled.
- Provides avenue for redress and civil penalties for election fraud that can be enforced by a candidate who has been harmed by the fraud.
- Makes sure we are actually participating in the interstate crosscheck system to clean and maintain our voters rolls as previously directed by the legislature.
- Requires an automatic recount if/when the total number of votes cast in a precinct exceeds the number of registered voters in that precinct.