

HB 1278 -- BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTERS

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This bill requires election authorities to make available for all statewide, General Assembly, and local elections at least one electronic voting machine, per polling location, for blind and visually impaired voters in order to comply with federal law. Any additional costs for the maintenance and use of the machines for a statewide or General Assembly election will be paid by the state and subject to appropriations. Anyone may vote using an electronic voting machine without proof of blindness or visual impairment, but a person who is blind or visually impaired is not required to use the machine and may continue to vote by absentee ballot or by any other legal method as currently allowed by law.