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Dear Chairman John Fervier,

I'm writing to request the amendment of Rule 183-12-.07(1) to rectify current verbiage on the touchscreen display that contradicts other rules, as I've spelled out below. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Text of Rule Requested to Be Amended:

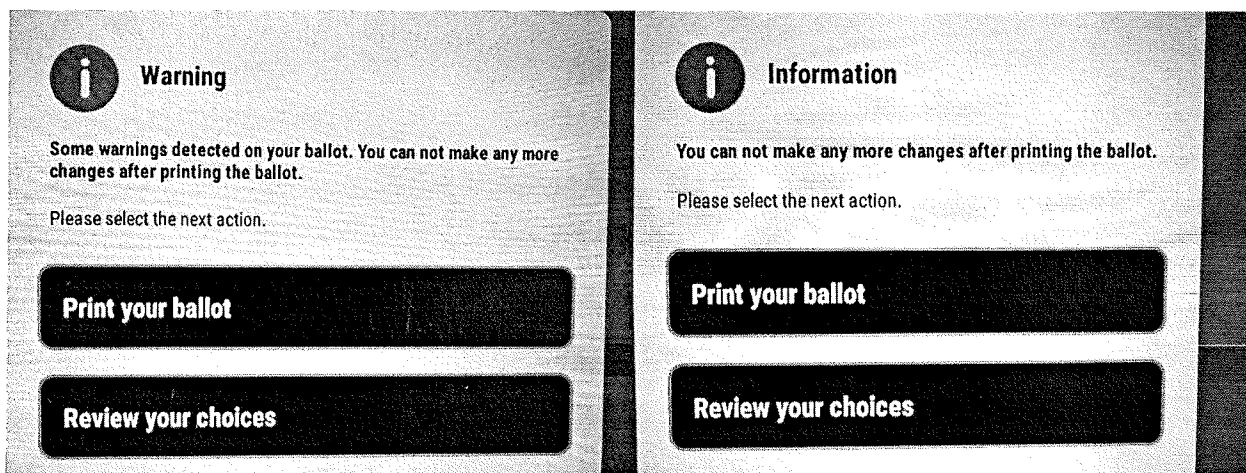
Rule 183-1-12-.07 Preparation for Elections

1. The election superintendent shall review the electronic databases used to generate ballots for correctness and accuracy in generating paper ballots and touchscreen displays.

Add: This shall include all messages given to the voter.

Reasons to Amend:

Currently, the touchscreen display states that once printed, the ballot cannot be changed, as the pictures show.



This wording gives voters the impression their selections are final once printed. Yet the highlighted sections of the rules listed below say that that voters are supposed to be instructed to check their *printed* ballot, and if the printed ballot does not contain the proper ballot selections or that the voter was not issued the proper ballot, the voter shall immediately inform a poll officer. The voter has no way of knowing that they shall inform the poll officer as the machine just told them that once you print you can't make any changes. While it is true that once printed no additional changes can be made to *that* ballot, the rules below say poll officials

can spoil the ballot and provide the voter with a means to have a printed paper ballot that has his/her selections. The voter does not know of this option. Thus, **the touchscreen display is currently misleading**, as it gives voters the impression nothing can be done with their selections after printing (which would negate the need to check them after printing).

To fix this, a section a could be added to Rule 183-1-12-.07(1):

The touchscreen display shall encourage voters to check their selections both before and after printing and to see a poll officer if their ballot does not contain the proper ballot selections.

Rule that says poll officers should remind voters to review paper ballots:

Rule 183-1-12-.11 Conducting Elections

8. The election superintendent shall cause each polling place to be sufficiently staffed. At least one poll officer shall be assigned to assisting voters who have questions while they are in the voting booth but before they approach the ballot scanner. Another poll officer shall be stationed at every ballot scanner in use in the polling place while voting is occurring. The poll officer stationed at the ballot scanner shall offer each voter specific verbal instruction to review their printed paper ballot prior to scanning it. In addition to the preceding instruction, the poll officer stationed at the ballot scanner shall offer general instruction throughout the period while voting is occurring telling voters that sample ballots and magnifying devices are available to assist them in reviewing their paper ballot. The poll officer shall take all reasonable precautions not to view the selections on an elector's ballot unless it is required due to assistance requested by the elector. If a poll officer observes a voter attempting to leave the enclosed space with a paper ballot, the poll officer shall inform the voter of the consequence of not depositing his or her paper ballot into the ballot scanner prior to leaving the room.

Rules that say paper ballots can be spoiled and redone if there is an issue:

Rule 183-1-12-.11 Conducting Elections

10(b) If, while reviewing his or her printed ballot, the voter discovers that the printed ballot does not contain the proper ballot selections or that the voter was not issued the proper ballot, the voter shall immediately inform a poll officer. The poll officer shall spoil the paper ballot and take the necessary steps to allow the voter to make his or her selections again on the electronic ballot marker and cause the correct ballot to be issued. If the error is due to equipment malfunction, the poll officer shall document the incident on a form developed by the Secretary of State. The poll manager shall inform the election superintendent immediately if one or more electronic ballot markers are associated with a significant number of incidents.

Rule 183-1-14-.02 Advance Voting

(12) (b) If, while reviewing his or her paper ballot, a voter discovers that the printed ballot does not reflect the voter's desired selections or that the voter was not issued the proper ballot, the voter should immediately inform a poll officer. The poll officer shall spoil the paper ballot and take the necessary steps to allow the voter to make his or her selections again on the electronic ballot marker and cause the correct ballot to be issued. The poll officer shall document the

incident on a form circulated by the Secretary of State. The poll manager shall inform the elections superintendent immediately if one or more BMDs are associated with a significant number of incidents.

The change requested would make the touchscreen display reflect the above rules' discussion of checking the ballot after printing instead of giving voters the impression their selections are final once printed.

Petitioner's Interest/Other Facts:

Petitioner is on the board of elections for Jackson County.

Signature

Petitioner: Christina Loop

Date: 7-17-24

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7/17/2024 by Christina Rose Loop.

My commission expires 8/18/24

State of Georgia, County of Jackson

Keri Knight
Notary Public

