

A Resolution on Paper Ballots

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters supports only voting systems that are secure, accurate, re-countable, accessible and transparent: and

WHEREAS, well-designed hand marked paper ballots combined with a risk-limiting post-election tabulation audit provide the gold standard for ensuring that reported election results accurately reflect the will of the people; and

WHEREAS, a paper ballot that is indelibly marked by hand and physically secured from the moment of casting is the most reliable record of voter intent; and

WHEREAS, paper ballots produce a permanent official record that is inexpensive, easily understood by the voter, re-countable and trusted by voters; and

WHEREAS, vote totals can be verified by an independent hand count of the paper ballot/record, and

WHEREAS, paperless electronic voting systems are not inherently secure, can malfunction, and do not provide a re-countable audit trail; and

WHEREAS, a hand-marked paper ballot is the only kind of record not vulnerable to software errors, configuration errors, or cyber attack.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature mandate the use of a paper ballot or voter verified paper trail as a means of ensuring the transparency and integrity of the electoral process in the State of Wyoming.

Adopted by the League of Women Voters of Wyoming at the 2019 Annual Convention