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Verified Voting Praises Pennsylvania’s Election Reform Package that Helps Counties Purchase Voting Machines

Marian K. Schneider: “This funding ensures the smooth transition to secure and verifiable voting systems.”

The following is a statement from Marian K. Schneider, president of [Verified Voting](#) following Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf’s signing of election reform legislation. For additional media inquiries, please contact aurora@newheightscommunications.com.

HARRISBURG, Pa. – (October 31, 2019) “Verified Voting is pleased with the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Gov. Tom Wolf’s commitment to an election reform package that includes funding for counties to help pay for the replacement of electronic voting systems. The passage of the legislation removes all doubt about the legal authority of the Commonwealth to issue \$90 million in bond financing.

“State funding for voting system replacement will greatly reduce the budgetary strain on counties and allow them to fund staff training, poll worker training and voter education efforts, all of which are important to ensure a smooth transition. Election security is a nonpartisan issue and the goal of hardening our voting systems against potential threats is shared across the aisle. Counties’ access to these funds is what is needed to ensure a smooth transition to paper-based electronic systems and routine, robust audits.

“A significant number of Pennsylvania counties have already moved forward towards replacement and we applaud their efforts. Without voting systems that retain a voter-marked paper ballot for recounts and audits, Pennsylvania’s elections will be dogged by legitimacy questions and will be the easiest targets for motivated attackers. This legislation as a whole will make voting easier, but the replacement of voting systems will assure Pennsylvanians that they have a verifiable method of voting and their votes will be counted as cast.”

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