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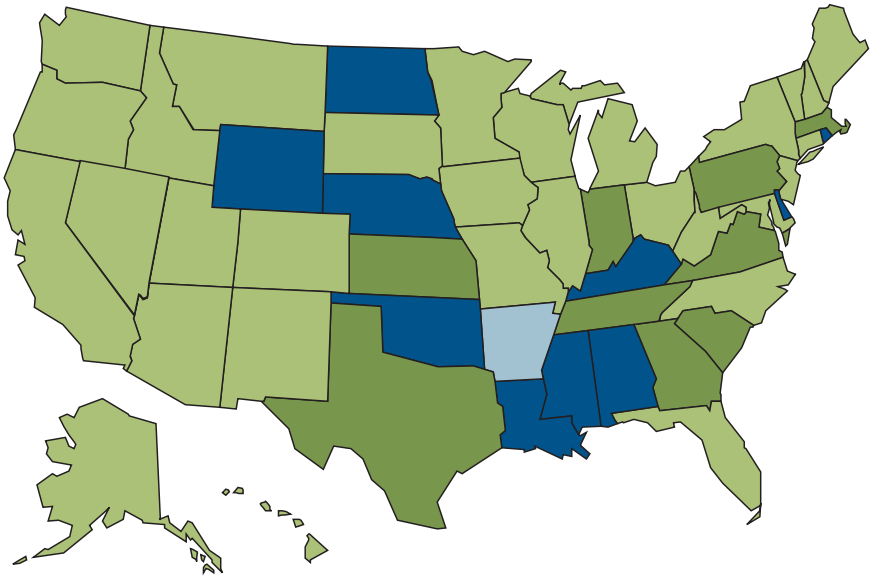
States are continuing to push for voter-verified paper records. All but 10 states have enacted or proposed requirements for a paper trail, although the regulations might not yet be in effect. Maryland, for example, passed its law last year, but paper records won't be a reality until 2010.



- **Legislation/regulation requiring paper ballots (30)**
- **Mixed requirement (1)**
- **Proposed, not yet enacted (9 and Washington, D.C.)**
- **Not yet proposed or proposed legislation/regulation pending approval (10)**

Source: VerifiedVoting.org

5 TYPES OF VOTING SYSTEMS

TYPE	NUMBER OF COUNTIES USING THE SYSTEM*	PROS	CONS
Paper ballots	**124**	**Easy to use, record individual votes**	**Susceptible to fraud and ballot stuffing**
Lever machines	**119**	**Less susceptible to fraud than paper**	**No individual records, can wear out or fail**
Punch cards	**176**	**Tabulated by machine, allow for recounts**	**Insufficiently punched cards can't be counted**
Optical scanning	**1,502**	**Electronic, with paper trail**	**Relies on scanner accuracy, paper records open to fraud**
DRE machines	**1,050**	**Easy to use, accessible**	**Prone to software errors and security vulnerabilities**
Mixed	**143**		

* Of the 3,114 U.S. counties surveyed by Election Data Services, reported February 2006
DRE stands for direct-recording electronic