Approved: March 11, 2004 Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Allen at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Legislative Research Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Others attending: See Attached List.

Chairperson Allen informed the committee **HB 2288** was passed by the House and Senate last year and the Governor vetoed it. The Chair understands the Governor's office and the Secretary of State are very close to an agreement on a bill. Chairperson Allen welcomed Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State to give a review to the committee on the Help America Vote Act (<u>Attachment 1</u>).

Chairperson Allen informed the committee the next meeting would be Tuesday, January 27.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.