DE #1 – Democracy – Remove Outdated Language Related to Voting Machines
Ayman Fadel (Columbia County, ███████████████████████████████████) offers
the following:

From the introductory copy to the chapter on Democracy, edit the 2nd paragraph as follows:

Incumbents through the reapportionment process have more influence over who wins an election than do voters. Corporate lobbyists and wealthy campaign contributors have more influence over the direction of public policy than do the ~~citizens and tax payers~~ <u>residents</u> of Georgia. ~~And now the Georgia Assembly, following the lead of Secretary of State Cox, has spent millions in tax payer dollars on new electronic voting machines which operate on proprietary software, protected from voter inspection by trade secret laws and which afford no method for recounting ballots, inspected by voters to confirm that their intention has been appropriately recorded.~~

From the chapter on Democracy, edit the 1st plank, entitled, 'Eliminate Barriers to Voting', as follows:

1. Eliminate Barriers to Voting
All citizens have the right to participate freely and equally in an electoral system free of onerous barriers to voter registration which protects the principle of one-person/ one-vote and which is designed to ensure public trust and the integrity of the results. ~~We advocate that the new electronic voting machines implemented during the 2002 election cycle be retrofitted with printers to provide for a voter-inspected paper trail, which will be collected and tabulated to confirm the vailidity of preliminary results generated electronically.~~ We insist that ~~the~~ election machinery be driven by open source and peer reviewed software, open to inspection by any voter.