

Mr. Williams' statements from the July 21, 2009 meeting of the State Election Commission:

“I know you do not want to get into a running debate especially with a non member but just two points. I agree with all the facts that Mark and I interacted with Gary Odom and Senator Joe Haynes almost as much as he has...well over the years more than he has. But two points that we would make and I personally don't necessarily believe the elections have been stolen but the possibility or the probability of either error or (inaudible on tape) we believe are much greater on DRE's. So we think two possible solutions...and it is a dilemma it is as Tre pointed out in his editorial Sunday. 'I told the Senate Committee we are in a Catch - 22 on this.' We and I was involved in drafting the Voters Confidence Act. I am not a lawyer. So I can't speak to some of the technicalities. **We were going for what we considered to be the highest standards which would be 2005 EAC standards. We did not realize at the time that nothing would qualify for a optical scan 2005 standard now or maybe by 2010.** But there are two possible solutions. One would be a legal interpretation that the intent of the law was to implement paper ballot optical scan equipment by 2010. And it is an important but a technical point about what's standard. And there are states...there are over thirty (30) states and countries that are doing some form of optical scan equipment that is acceptable and while it is not 2005 standards it is not as good as what might become with 2005 standards. It's better for confidence in our point of view than the existing system in 93 of the counties. And then secondly it would be easy to amend...amend the law. Of course that cannot be done until January...January 1<sup>st</sup> (inaudible on tape) obviously. It could be amended if you don't go with a court interpretation that the intent supersedes a small technicality. Then it could easily be intended not to say 2002 EAC standards, which don't exist. Which in the rhetoric we say sometimes it has been said go back to 2002. But you could take standards that are in use, that you could even go see, hopefully, in an election for 2010 for optical scan paper equipment that we would like to see done. Now it is up to the legislature of course to agree to that or to a court to agree to that intent. And I agree with you. It would be good if this body came to a firm consensus even though I might not like what consensus you come to it might be comfortable for the legislature.”

Tape continues and Commissioner Younce asked since he is a new member on the commission that the speaker please identify himself.

Mr. Williams continues as follows:

“I am Dick Williams. I am the State Chairperson of Common Cause in Tennessee. I have lobbied the legislature on these kinds of issues. I appreciate it. I know I meant to introduce myself to you. Again, I tend to get in a running debate but I wanted to make those points from our point of view.”

End of conversation with Mr. Williams.