

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB986S1

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Rerras

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Recounts involving punch card voting devices.

5. Summary/Purpose:

The substitute requires that where punch card voting devices are used that the machine count shall be official count sets standards regarding whether a ballot has been properly voted. It provides that a vote has been cast and should be counted if two or more corners of the chad are broken or separated from the card. Separation of only one corner of a chad would not be deemed a vote, nor would any depression, dimple, or other mark. If the voter has punched the selection for a candidate to the extent that two or more corners of the chad are separated and also has voted for another candidate for the same office, the partially punched chad shall be deemed a vote and the voter's ballot shall be deemed an overvote.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Depending upon the outcome of any recount the locality or the petitioner may be required to pay the costs of the recount.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Counties, cities local boards of election and registrars

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: HB1705H1 is companion legislation.

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cc: Secretary of Administration

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