

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2930E

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Hugo

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title**            Voting equipment security; observers at polling places; Freedom of Information Act; closed meetings.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

The amended bill provides that the State Board of Elections shall issue policies, standards, and guidelines for securing voting equipment and ballots. The amended bill also authorizes the State Board to assign observers at polling places. It also provides exemptions from certain Freedom of Information Act requirements for documents and meetings related to voting security assessments and audits.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The proposed bill would only minimal fiscal impact on the State Board of Elections (SBE), primarily due to the requirement for SBE to provide local boards of elections with security policies, standards and guidelines for handling voting and counting equipment.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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