

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2930ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Hugo

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

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

5. Summary/Purpose:

The enrolled bill provides that the State Board of Elections shall issue policies, standards, and guidelines for securing voting equipment and ballots. The 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 enrolled 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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