

**Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB272E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Whipple

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Elections; a pilot program to test electronic voting equipment and paper record requirements; audits

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the State Board of Elections to design a pilot program to test electronic voting equipment and paper record requirements and incorporate audits of voting equipment. This is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Voting Equipment established pursuant to House Joint Resolution 174 (2004) and Senate Joint Resolution 371 (2005).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are one-time and preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$300,000	0	General fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 85.

8. Fiscal implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) has revised the original impact statement by scaling back the scope of the pilot program to test electronic voting equipment and paper record requirements. The scope of the pilot was scaled back in order to come within the limits expressed by the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

To this extent, SBE now estimates that the pilot program authorized in Senate Bill 272 can be achieved with a fiscal impact of \$300,000. This cost includes the following scope of the pilot program:

1. \$150,000 for equipment costs. This will include testing each of the seven types of Direct Recording Electronic devices (DRE's) currently used in Virginia. Two units of each type of DRE will be tested in five separate precincts. Further, as mandated by the language in the pilot, independent verification systems will also be tested with a variety of DRE's currently in use.
2. \$150,000 for all additional expenses. This will include the following costs:

- Staff costs including overhead such as supplies, office equipment, travel expenses etc.
- Necessary training for the voting equipment custodians to set up the retrofitted equipment.
- Necessary training for the officers of election to operate the equipment.
- Costs to program the equipment in use to utilize a paper record and/or independent verification systems.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: HB1243 is similar legislation

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