

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB35

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Recount procedures; requires hard copy scan ballots to be rerun through programmed tabulators.**

5. Summary: Requires hard copy optical scan ballots to be rerun through appropriately programmed tabulators in recount proceedings. Present law provides that the tabulator printout will be sufficient unless it is unclear or the court orders the ballots to be rerun.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications:

This bill may require additional recount officials to rerun optical scan ballots, but no increased equipment cost to either the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards is necessary. If a recount is necessary, localities will incur additional costs for election officials to support the recount (Section 24.2-800, Code of Virginia). Recounts are rare. Elections must result in less than one percent difference between candidates.

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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cc: Secretary of Administration