

**Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 536

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

2. Patron: Barker

3. Committee: House Appropriations

4. Title: **Elections; certification of voting equipment.**

5. Summary:

Note: The Senate amendment to this bill removed the need for a budget amendment. See Item 8.

The bill provides for additional testing of voting equipment in the certification process by individuals with expertise in election management and computer system security. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to decertify a product if the vendor fails to supply annual updates on the security and functionality of the product, and to decertify products based on problems in Virginia or those reported by federal or other state officials.

6. No fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill codifies the current practice of the State Board of Elections to use certain professional services when certifying voting equipment as discussed in this bill. As a result, the bill has no budget impact on the agency.

The Senate amended the introduced bill to remove the required use of an expert in handicap access, which would have had an unfunded budget impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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