

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB917

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Sickles

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; recount; programming of optical scan tabulators.

**5. Summary:** Elections; recount; programming of optical scan tabulators. Provides that if an optical scan tabulator cannot be programmed to count only the ballots for an office or issue in question in a recount, the tabulator shall be programmed to set aside all ballots that contain write-in votes, overvotes, and undervotes for any office or issue to be hand counted using State Board of Elections standards.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that the majority of costs associated with a recount are borne either by the locality conducting the recount or the candidate requesting the recount. Thus, this legislation is likely to have no fiscal impact upon the Commonwealth.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All localities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

Date: January 20, 2014

File: H:\General Government\GENERAL ASSEMBLY\2014 Session\SBE\Introduced\HB917\HB917.doc