

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB190

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voting systems; use of direct recording electronic machines (DREs).

5. Summary: Prohibits the use of direct recording electronic machines (DREs) in elections on and after July 1, 2017. The governing bodies of counties and cities have been prohibited from acquiring DREs for use in elections since July 1, 2007, but under current law the use of previously acquired DREs is permitted for the remainder of their useful life.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections, 71 out of 133 localities are using direct recording electronic machines (DREs). The proposed legislation would require localities that are using DREs to replace the voting equipment prior to July 1, 2017. Localities are responsible for the purchase and maintenance of their voting equipment; therefore, the proposed legislation would not result in a fiscal impact for the Commonwealth. The estimated local fiscal impact cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This legislation is similar to HB1037 (Rasoul).