Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB190-ES1

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

2. **Patron:** Miller

3. **Committee:** Finance

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, 2018. 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. The bill also removes references to DREs in other sections and makes technical amendments to terminology. The provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate – 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, 2018. 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:** The bill, as engrossed, changes the effective date localities are prohibited from using DREs from on and after July 1, 2017 to on and after July 1, 2018.