

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1254-ER

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

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Department of Elections; annual audit of ballot scanner machines.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Elections (the Department) to coordinate a post-election risk-limiting annual audit of ballot scanner machines in use in the Commonwealth. The localities selected for the audit are to be chosen at random with every locality participating in the Department's annual audit at least once during a five-year period. All audits shall be conducted by the local electoral boards and general registrars in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Department. The local electoral boards shall report the results of the audit of the ballot scanner machines in their jurisdiction to the Department. The bill requires the Department to submit a report on the results of each audit to the State Board of Elections. *The provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.*

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact as the bill no longer requires the Department of Elections to conduct a post-election risk-limiting audit of ballot scanner machines annually. The proposed legislation requires local electoral boards and general registrars to conduct the audit, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Department of Elections, with the local electoral boards reporting the results of the audit in their jurisdiction to the Department of Elections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local electoral boards, general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The House amendment requires the provisions of the proposed legislation to become effective on July 1, 2018.