

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2077

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Armstrong

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Election procedures; voting equipment requirements; recount procedures.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Beginning January 1, 2009, requires vendors seeking State Board of Elections (SBE) certification of direct recording electronic (DRE) devices to equip them to produce a paper record of each vote that can be verified by the voter and provides for use of paper records in recounts. Allows use of currently certified DRE machines without voter-verified paper record capacity. Requires localities to provide voting equipment accessible to disabled voters and when required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the capacity for alternative languages. Repeals outdated authorization for mechanical voting devices and outdated references to punchcards and mechanical voting devices.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary, see item 8

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill will require that 130 of the 134 localities in the Commonwealth to purchase a printer for each of their 9,198 direct recording electronic (DRE) devices at a cost of \$10 to \$12 million. SBE has indicated that all six of the current certified DRE vendors also sell printers that can be attached. However, none of these printers have been certified for use in the Commonwealth and not all of these printers have been certified for use at the national level.

SBE is reviewing the printer cost estimates which now range between \$650 and \$2,000 for each DRE. The printers will require more supplies (paper and ink cartridges) and some may require new voting booths (there is not enough space in the voting booths for the DRE and printer combined). In addition, election officials will require training on the new machines.

The provision regarding currently certified DRE machines refers to the procedure to be followed if there is a recount required between passage of this bill and January 1, 2009.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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