

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2696

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

2. Patron Hugo

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Election procedures; voting equipment requirements.

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires vendors seeking State Board of Elections (SBE) certification of direct recording electronic (DRE) devices to (i) have current federal certification and (ii) equip them to produce a paper record of each vote that can be verified by the voter. Provides that the voter verified paper record takes precedence in a recount. Requires that all DREs produce a voter-verifiable paper record. The bill takes effect January 1, 2009.

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 state 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. Currently it is the unofficial policy of the SBE to only authorize voting equipment previously certified by the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC), this bill would put this practice into law.

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.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Similar to HB2077

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