

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB536

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Barker

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Elections; certification of voting equipment.**

5. Summary: The bill provides for additional testing of voting equipment in the certification process by individuals with expertise in election management, handicapped accessibility, and computer system security. The bill also requires decertification of a product if the vendor fails to supply annual updates on the security and functionality of the product, and it gives the State Board of Elections explicit authority to decertify products based on problems in Virginia or those reported by federal or other state officials.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are final:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	\$0		
2009	\$45,000		General
2010	\$45,000		General
2011	\$45,000		General
2012	\$45,000		General
2013	\$45,000		General
2014	\$45,000		General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 89.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections historically offers no more than three types of voting equipment certifications in a given fiscal year. The professional service costs for experts to certify equipment will be no greater than \$5,000 per occurrence.

With the additional testing standards provided in this bill, it is reasonable to assume that the additional costs to certify one piece of equipment would total \$15,000. The cumulative cost for experts to conduct the testing and examination would be \$45,000 per year.

Expenses

Professional service cost per occurrence @ \$5,000

Number of experts to certify equipment @ 3

Number of equipment certifications per year @ 3

Calculations

\$5,000 professional service cost * 3 additional experts * 3 certifications per year =
\$45,000 total

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration