

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB685

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

**2. Patron:**        Colgan

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**        **Elections; acquisition of voting equipment by localities; securing voting equipment after election.**

**5. Summary:** This bill deletes the provision enacted in 2007 that prohibits the acquisition of direct recording electronic (DRE) machines by any locality on and after July 1, 2007. The bill also modifies provisions for securing voting equipment after an election by providing that certain devices do not need to be locked and sealed for 15 days after the election if they are secured by the removal of a memory card, cartridge or other data storage medium and the card, cartridge or other medium is sealed and delivered to the circuit court clerk.

**6. No fiscal impact.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is no cost to the State Board of Elections or to localities to allow localities to purchase direct recording electronic (DRE) machines. There is also no fiscal impact to lift the requirement that voting equipment be locked for 15 days after an election.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local election districts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Same as HB 638 (carried over to FY 2009).

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cc: Secretary of Administration