

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB739

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Petersen

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voting devices; number required.

**5. Summary:** Provides that there shall be at least one voting device for each 500 registered voters in a precinct. The current requirement is for one device for each 750 registered voters.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 87

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$5,000,000	0	GF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that this legislation would require the purchase of approximately 500 new pieces of voting equipment for localities that currently use direct recording electronic (DRE) machines because the legislation reduces the number of voters per DRE from 750 to 500.

As indicated in § 24.2-626 new DRE's can no longer be purchased for use in the Commonwealth, therefore, optical scan machines must be purchased to accommodate voters, which cost about \$10,000 per unit.

SBE estimates the cost of these machines to be \$10,000 each for a total one-time cost of \$5,000,000 for FY2014. SBE estimates 500 new pieces of voting equipment based upon SBE knowledge of current equipment and equipment needs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** 133 general registrar offices

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

**11. Other Comments:** none

**Date:** 1/11/13

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