

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1127

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

**2. Patron:** Ramadan

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voting equipment; DREs; Voting Equipment Grant Program and Fund.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits the use of direct recording electronic machines (DREs) and requires the use of ballot scanning systems in all elections beginning January 1, 2019. The bill establishes the Voting Equipment Grant Program and Fund, through which the governing body of a county or city may apply for a grant for an amount equal to 50 percent of the cost of the new ballot scanning systems purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired by the governing body in the period of time beginning July 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2018.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill establishes the Voting Equipment Grant Program and Fund in statute, but without an appropriation from the General Assembly, there is no fiscal impact to the state. In addition, HB 1127 requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) to develop guidelines setting forth the general requirements of qualifying for a grant and shall make grant application forms available on its website. If an appropriation is made to the Voting Equipment Grant Fund, depending on the amount of the appropriation, SBE may require additional staff support to assist with the administration of the Voting Equipment Grant Program.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** No.

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