

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2133

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Levine

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Recount procedures; initial audit of ballot scanner machines.

5. Summary: Requires an initial audit of the ballot scanner machines to be conducted prior to beginning the redetermination of the vote during a recount. The bill requires recount officials to collect a sample of the machine-readable ballots cast at each precinct in the election district equal to at least one percent of all machine-readable ballots cast at that precinct. Each precinct's sample is then run through a scanner used at that precinct on the night of the election, run through a scanner being used for the recount, and hand counted. If the results calculated by the scanner used at that precinct on the night of the election, the results calculated by the scanner being used for the recount, and the results determined by the hand count are not identical, any party to the recount may request all ballots cast on ballot scanner machines in the election district to be counted by hand. If the results are identical, the redetermination of the vote shall be conducted in accordance with current law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.