

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>05-2044/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-627</b>
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**Subject**

Use of electronic voting machines; open source coding

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
 Increase Existing Appropriations     
  Increase Existing Revenues     
  Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations     
  Decrease Existing Revenues     
   
  Yes    
  No  
 Create New Appropriations     
  Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation requires electronic voting systems to generate a complete paper ballot showing all votes cast by an elector that is visually verifiable by the voter before the voter leaves the electronic voting machine. The legislation also requires the coding for the software (source code) used to operate an electronic voting system on election day and to tabulate the votes to be available for public inspection.

The requirement for a complete paper ballot that can be visually verified by the voter will increase the cost of touch screen voting systems by approximately \$500 per machine. Wisconsin law requires a municipality to provide one voting booth for every 200 voters. Since a touch screen voting device is essentially a voting booth, municipalities will pay an additional \$500 per voting device based on the number of touch screen voting devices that are required by law.

The requirement for the source code that runs the voting equipment and tabulates the votes to be publicly available will eliminate any equipment currently on the market. The State Elections Board staff is not aware of a vendor of voting equipment willing to make its source code available for public inspection. The source code is proprietary.

This could put Wisconsin at risk of losing \$18 million in federal funds available under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) that has been designated for acquiring accessible voting equipment.

For additional information, see the attached technical memo.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications