

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2666/2		Introduction Number SB-296	
Subject Use of electronic voting machines; open source coding			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
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3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue			
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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue			
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Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations			
<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