

FISCAL NOTE

SB 244 - HB 321

February 1, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of punch card voting systems in all state and federal elections in the State of Tennessee after January 1, 2004. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to work with the county election commissions where punch card voting systems currently exist to replace such systems with voting machines. Requires voting machines to be financed in accordance with present law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$6,300,000 One-Time/FY 2003-04

Estimate assumes:

- The county election commissions would buy electronic voting machines.
- There are approximately 400 polling places in punch card voting counties.
- The bill would require a total of 1400 new voting machines to be purchased at an average cost of \$4,500 each.

It should be noted that the total expenditures to local governments would be less to the extent any federal funds are obtained to assist in the purchase of voting machines.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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