

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3190 - HB 3392

February 19, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all direct record electronic (DRE) voting machines still in use in the November 2010 election to be retrofitted with a voter-verifiable paper ballot printer to provide an audit trail; the cost of such printers, paper, and other associated costs are to be paid by the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$16,661,900/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Currently, MicroVote, which serves 45 counties, does not have a certified printer that can meet the requirements of the bill. Since certification would take approximately 12-15 months, these 45 counties would be required to lease a complete voting system from another vendor for the November 2010 election in order to comply with this bill.
- The one-time cost of leasing voting systems (includes voting machines, equipment, installation, training, and election services) for 45 MicroVote counties is estimated to be approximately \$9,500,000.
- The remaining 50 counties would be required to be fitted with a printer that would produce a voter-verifiable paper audit trail. The one-time cost of retrofitting 50 counties with 6,715 printers is estimated to be approximately \$7,161,900 (31 Harp counties at a cost of \$3,518,200) + (17 ES&S counties at a cost \$1,835,750) + (2 Premier counties at a cost of \$1,807,950).
- The total one-time cost is estimated to be \$16,661,900 (\$9,500,000 + \$7,161,900).

- After the November 2010 election and prior to the November 2012 election, these printers along with the existing DREs will be replaced with precinct-based optical-scan voting machines.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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