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Department of Elections

Item 83

First Year - FY2015

Second Year - FY2016

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| Electoral Services (72300) | \$7,319,300 \$8,511,300 | \$7,246,764 \$12,018,927 |
| Electoral Uniformity, Legality, and Quality Assurance Services (72302) | \$1,726,946 \$1,756,946 | \$1,726,946 \$3,397,279 |
| Statewide Voter Registration System Services (72304) | \$2,421,686 \$3,583,686 | \$2,464,697 \$5,354,814 |
| Campaign Finance Disclosure Administration Services (72309) | \$253,600 | \$253,600 |
| Election Administration Services (72310) | \$1,369,860 | \$1,370,314 \$1,368,604 |
| Voter Services (72311) | \$676,026 | \$676,026 \$889,449 |
| Administrative Services (72312) | \$871,182 | \$755,181 |
| Fund Sources: | | |
| General | \$2,961,901 \$2,991,901 | \$2,843,955 \$4,702,367 |
| Special | \$117,506 | \$117,960 \$116,250 |
| Trust and Agency | \$4,151,313 \$5,313,313 | \$4,196,269 \$7,111,730 |
| Federal Trust | \$88,580 | \$88,580 |

Authority: Title 24.2, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intention of the General Assembly that all local precincts, other than central absentee precincts established under § 24.2-712, Code of Virginia will use electronic pollbooks for elections held beginning in November, 2010.

B. Any locality using paper pollbooks for elections held beginning in November, 2010, shall be responsible for entering voting credit as provided in § 24.2-668. Additionally, any locality using paper pollbooks for elections held after November, 2010 may be required to reimburse the Department of Elections for state costs associated with providing paper pollbooks.

C. Municipalities will pay all expenses associated with May elections after June 30, 2009, including those costs incurred by the Department of Elections.

D. The Department of Elections shall by regulation provide for an administrative fee up to \$25 for each non-electronic report filed with the department under § 24.2-947.5. The regulation shall provide for waiver of the fee based upon indigence.

E. All unpaid charges and civil penalties assessed under Title 24.2 shall be subject to interest, the administrative collection fee and late penalties authorized in the Virginia Debt Collection Act, Chapter 48 of Title 2.2, § 2.2-4800 et seq.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$212,687 the first year and \$212,687 the second year from the general fund is provided for ~~the purchase of equipment~~ voter outreach and education required to ~~implement voter registration~~ inform voters about the photo identification requirements pursuant to Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013. It is the intent of the General Assembly that registration cards containing the voter's photograph and signature be provided free to any eligible voter upon request to the general registrar. ~~The Department of Elections shall be responsible for procuring this equipment in a cost effective manner and providing any necessary equipment to each local registrar.~~

G. Out of this appropriation, \$131,150 the first year from the general fund is provided to advertise the Constitutional amendment for House Bill 46 of the 2014 Session of the General Assembly, pursuant to § 30-19.9, Code of Virginia, for consideration by the voters during the November 4, 2014 election.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$212,423 the second year from the general fund is provided for conducting list maintenance mailings as required by the National Voter Registration Act.

I. 1. The Department of Elections is authorized to establish and administer a program in the second year to purchase and grant to certain localities qualifying voting equipment with proceeds of bonds authorized in Item C-46.30 of this act.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, localities shall be required to replace all direct-recording electronic voting machines and any other non-qualifying voting equipment with equipment provided by the Department of Elections no later than August 1, 2015 and certify the equipment for use in the November 2015 election.

J. It is intended that one-time funding be provided from the general fund for the Department of Elections to reimburse, over a three year period, certain localities for the cost of approved voting equipment replaced prior to January 1, 2015. Out of this appropriation, \$1,610,333 the second year from the general fund is provided for the first one-third of the amount required for this reimbursement.

K. The funding provided in Item C-46.30 of this act is for a one-time program to enable local governments to make all voting equipment in compliance with the policies and procedures approved by the State Board of Elections.