2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Department of Elections

Item 77

	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Electoral Services (72300)	**$24,730,589**	**$21,394,303**
Electoral Administration, Uniformity, Legality, and Quality Assurance Services (72302)	$2,406,747	$2,406,747
Statewide Voter Registration System and Associated Information Technology Services (72304)	$14,604,881	$11,268,595
Campaign Finance Disclosure Administration Services (72309)	$421,660	$421,660
Voter Services and Communications (72311)	$1,786,512	$1,786,512
Administrative Services (72312)	$5,510,789	$5,510,789
Fund Sources:		
General	$21,678,339	$18,342,053
Special	$52,250	$52,250
Trust and Agency	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

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

D. 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.

E. 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that federal awards from the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) under P.L. 116-93 be used to replace the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS). Any remaining balances out of the amounts appropriated in Item 86, paragraph I, of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, may be used to support VERIS replacement and shall serve as the state's required match to receive the federal HAVA award.

2. The Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Administration shall approve the allotment of remaining balances out of the amount appropriated in Item 86, paragraph I.3, of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session, to be used for VERIS replacement costs after the exhaustion of all available HAVA funding eligible for this purpose and the initial required state match component of $2,035,142.

3. Any balances remaining from the appropriation identified in this paragraph shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, but shall be brought forward and made available to support VERIS replacement in the subsequent fiscal year.

F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections C and D of § 24.2-671.2., Code of Virginia, a risk-limiting audit of a presidential election or an election for the nomination of candidates for the office of President shall not be conducted.

G. Out of this appropriation, $3,336,286 the first year from the general fund is provided to develop the replacement of the Committee Electronic Tracking (COMET) and Campaign Finance Management (CFM) systems. Any amounts remaining from the general fund appropriation identified in this paragraph that remain unspent at the end of the first year shall be reappropriated in the next fiscal year.