

Executive

As Reported by House Finance and Appropriations

1 SOS - 1 Acquisition of Voting Machines

R.C. 111.26, 152.33

Specifies that marking devices and automatic tabulating equipment will be leased by participating counties until all lease payments have been made, at which time ownership will transfer to the county.

Designates marking devices and automatic tabulating equipment as state capital facilities for which the Ohio Building Authority is authorized to issue revenue obligations, and specifies that county boards of elections are state agencies having jurisdiction over those capital facilities.

Creates the County Voting Machine Revolving Lease/Loan Fund (Fund 5FJ0) and requires the Secretary of State to administer the fund, adopt rules for the lease program's implementation, and approve purchases of optical scan marking devices and automatic tabulating equipment using money from the fund. Specifies that county participation in the fund is voluntary, and limits the amount that a participating county may use from the fund to 50% of the total cost and not more than \$5 million.

Fiscal effect: Provides a new funding source through which counties may acquire specified voting equipment.

R.C. 111.26, 152.33

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive, but also permits the Secretary of State to enter into leases or other agreements with the Ohio Building Authority or boards of elections as necessary.

Same as the Executive, but permits moneys from the fund to be used to acquire all types of voting machines, marking devices, or automatic tabulating equipment instead of just marking equipment and tabulating devices for optical scan ballots. Also permits transfers of cash into the fund in addition to proceeds from the sale of bonds.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive, however, expanding the type of voting machines, marking devices and tabulating equipment to encompass all types may result in more counties using this option.

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2 SOS - 7 Board of Elections Reimbursement and Education and Statewide Ballot Advertising Funds

No provision.

R.C. 111.27, 3501.17

Creates the Board of Elections Reimbursement and Education Fund (Fund 5FG0) in the state treasury, which is to be used by the Secretary of State to reimburse boards of elections for various purposes such as reimbursements for special elections to fill vacancies in Congress, and to provide training and educational programs. Permits the fund to receive transfers of cash pursuant to Controlling Board action, and also receive revenues from fees, gifts, grants and donations.

No provision.

Creates the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) in the state treasury, which is to be used by the Secretary of State to pay advertising costs for required public notices of statewide ballot issues. Permits the fund to receive transfers of cash pursuant to Controlling Board action.

3 SOS - 2 Board of Voting Machine Examiners

Section: 387.10

Requires appropriation item 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, to be used to pay for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners, and states that moneys not used shall be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination.

Section: 387.10

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4 SOS - 3 Business Services Fund Transfer**Section: 387.10**

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$500,000 in cash in each fiscal year, from the Business Services Fund (Fund 5990) to the County Voting Machine Revolving Lease/Loan Fund (Fund 5FJ0).

Section: 387.10

Same as the Executive, but also reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 050619, Election Data Collection Grant, in FY 2009 for the same purpose in FY 2010.

5 SOS - 4 HAVA Funds**Section: 387.10**

Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1, 2009, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer from the GRF to the Election Data Collection Grant Fund (Fund 3AC0) all investment earnings in amounts equal to the interest earnings attributable to Fund 3AC0 in FY 2009.

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to credit ongoing interest earnings from the Election Reform/Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 3AH0), the 2005 HAVA Voting Machines Fund (Fund 3AS0) and the Election Data Collection Grant Fund (Fund 3AC0) to the respective funds and distribute the earnings in accordance with the terms of the grant under which the money is received.

Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portions of appropriation items 050616, 2005 HAVA Voting Machines, and 050614, Election Reform/Health and Human Services, remaining at the end of FY 2010 for the same purposes in FY 2011.

Section: 387.10

Same as the Executive.

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Same as the Executive, also reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of appropriation item 050619, Election Data Collection Grant, remaining at the end of FY 2009 for the same purposes in FY 2010.

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6 SOS - 5 Holding Account Redistribution List

Section: 387.10

Requires appropriation item 050605, Uniform Commercial Code Refunds, and 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, to be used to hold revenues until they are directed to the appropriate accounts or until they are refunded, and reappropriates additional amounts if needed.

Section: 387.10

Same as the Executive

7 SOS - 6 Cash Transfer to the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund

Section: 387.10

Requires Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$53,915.40 cash from the Public Utility Territorial Administration Fund (Fund 5590) to the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund (Fund 5990).

Section: 387.10

Same as the Executive.

8 SOS - 8 Expedited Business Filings

No provision.

No provision.

Section: 387.10

Earmarks \$250,000 in appropriation item 050321, Operating Expenses, to subsidize the first \$125 of initial filing fees for specified new domestic or foreign business entities that are filed by December 31, 2009.

Earmarks \$250,000 in appropriation item 050321, Operating Expenses, to subsidize the first \$100 of costs associated with all level one expedited business filings for the initial filings of new domestic or foreign business entities.

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9 CEB - 3 Ballot Advertising Costs

Section: 245.10

Requires the Controlling Board, pursuant to requests submitted by the Ohio Ballot Board, to approve transfers from GRF appropriation item 911441, Ballot Advertising Costs, to an Ohio Ballot Board appropriation item in order to reimburse county boards of elections for the cost of providing public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

Section: 245.10

Same as the Executive, but modifies provision to reflect existing permanent law that has already transferred responsibility for the costs of advertising statewide ballot initiatives from county boards of elections to the Secretary of State.