

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1984

As Engrossed: 3/25/2013

Bill Subtitle: TO ALLOW COUNTY CLERKS TO USE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION LIST; TO ALLOW COUNTY CLERKS ACCESS TO AN ELECTRONIC LIST.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Representative Slinkard

This bill will allow county clerks to use electronic poll books to review or process the voter's registration and voting information during an election. The bill also requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish and maintain an electronic voter registration list and to provide the county clerk an electronic precinct voter registration list containing information on the voters registered in the county.

The information to be included in the electronic voter registration list is provided in the bill and the amendment removed the requirement of a photo and signature to be provided from DFA. Amendment 1 removed the section which allowed the SOS to request DFA to provide an electronic copy of a registered voter's most recent photograph and signature from his or her driver's license, state identification card, or voter registration. The amendments removed any impact to DFA.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None

Legal Analysis :

As engrossed 3/25/13, HB1984 allows poll workers to use an electronic poll book to look up and identify a voter, for voter verification, for precinct and ballot assignment, to record when a voter appears at a voting location and requests a ballot, and for redirecting a voter to the correct polling site.

The bill has been amended to redefine "electronic poll book" as hardware, software, or a combination of the two, that allows election officials to view voter registration records and voting information during an election at an early voting location or at a polling site on election day.

The bill no longer contains any requirement that either DFA or the Secretary of State provide or maintain records relating to voting other than those that are required by current law.