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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/27/13

SPONSOR Martinez, K. LAST UPDATED _____ HM 70

SHORT TITLE Research New House Voting Machine SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 70 requests that the chief clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to research the costs and options of obtaining a new house voting system that utilizes the best technologies of the 21st century and provides flexibility and affordable options far into the future. The memorial further directs the chief clerk to provide a final report and recommendations to the leadership of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2013.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, the voting system currently used by the House of Representatives utilizes equipment, physical wiring and technology that is over two decades old and requires constant attention. The memorial adds that technology and equipment now exist that can be of unique value to the House of Representatives and offer increased convenience to the public.

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