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# Virginia Department of Elections

## Budget Presentation

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# Voting Equipment Replacement

- \$28 million capital funding request
  - Purchase new voting equipment
  - Virginia Public Building Authority Fund bonds
- \$1.6 million
  - Reimbursement for localities
  - General Fund
  - 1/3 of total reimbursement cost



# Voting Equipment Replacement

- Most equipment in use purchased prior to 2005
- DREs have a 7-10 year lifespan under optimal conditions
- Many vendors have gone out of business
- Older voting equipment is showing end of life symptoms: loss of calibration, inability to charge batteries, and failure of backup memory systems
- Roughly 2,100 of 2,500 polling places have this legacy equipment



# Voting Equipment Replacement

- One vendor solution most cost effective approach
- DGS is handling competitive procurement process
- Allows ELECT staff ability to have more training and familiarity with the system to offer assistance and training to localities
- Modeled after state electronic pollbook program
- Single vendor solution provided by the state comes with increased support and assistance from ELECT
- Localities able to select from any certified vendor if they use local funds



# Equipment Replacement Costs

Item	Cost
Scanner	\$ 5,750.00
ADA Device	\$ 4,000.00
Security Transport Device (cage)	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Cost per Precinct</b>	<b>\$ 11,250.00</b>



# Equipment Replacement Costs

Item	Cost
Precincts w/ DRE/Legacy Equipment	2,166
Replace Legacy Equipment	\$24,367,500
Additional Scanning Equipment	\$1,245,450
Additional ADA Devices	\$433,200
Cost to Replace Electronic Poll Books	\$1,707,480
<b>Total Cost to Replace Equipment</b>	<b>\$27,753,630</b>



## Funding for list maintenance

- \$40,000 budgeted for annual mailing
- Actual cost: \$177,000 just for postage
- Federal mandate under National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)
- No Federal funding provided for NVRA implementation



## HAVA funds provided to VA

- Section 101: \$ 7,105,890
- Section 102: \$ 4,526,569
- Section 251: \$ 64,499,288
  
- **Total HAVA:** \$ **76,131,747**
  
- Total Interested Earned: \$ 10,851,443
- Current Remaining: \$ 18,386,810





## Projected use of remaining HAVA Funds

- FY14      \$ 3,802,500
- FY15      \$ 5,313,313
- FY16      \$ 7,310,020
- FY17      \$ 4,789,752
- FY18      \$ 3,426,380
- FY19      \$ 0



# Exhaustion of HAVA Funds

- Current balance of \$18M
- Average yearly expenditures of \$4M
- Increased spending to bring systems in-house
- Average interest of 2% through FY18
- Funds will be exhausted during FY18
- HAVA funds account for roughly 60% of agency annual spending



## HAVA “need to know”

- Federal mandates will remain after funds are exhausted
- Virginia is one of very few states with remaining HAVA funds
- Current funds are being used to maintain VERIS and other mandated systems
- Current HAVA expenditures are not sustainable



# Long Term Sustainability

- Transition from costly proprietary vendor IT systems to replacement systems developed and maintained in house
- Provide more flexibility for future changes



## Voter Photo ID

- In-house software design, development, deployment, and training was completed one month ahead of schedule and at budget
- Production cost per card, including postage is \$2.10
- To date, 4,055 IDs have been processed