

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes modifications to the eligibility criteria for grants from the Local Elections Assistance Cash Fund (cash fund). The bill modifies the criteria to allow counties to receive grants for leasing election equipment, in addition to purchasing the equipment outright. Additionally, eligible costs for reimbursement were expanded from strictly voting equipment to include additional types of election equipment and supplies.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

House Bill 19-1278 created the cash fund, which received an appropriation of \$2.1 million to reimburse counties for purchasing election supplies and voting equipment, such as ballot drop boxes. This bill clarifies the intended equipment and supplies eligible for reimbursement. These changes do not increase workload or expenditures for the program. Additionally, the cash fund received its intended appropriation in FY2019-20 and these funds are continuously appropriated to the Department of State. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

County Clerks

Secretary of State

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