

BY: Senator Collins

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 833, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0833/094933/2), in line 10 of Amendment No. 1, after “implemented;” insert “requiring certain counties to make payments to pay their share of a certain percentage of the State’s cost to implement the statewide voting system; providing that certain counties are not required to implement the statewide voting system until a certain date and are not required to pay certain costs until they implement the statewide voting system; requiring that any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment be distributed in a certain manner;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the bill, before line 12, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, each county shall pay its share of one-half of the State’s cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting provided for under this Act, including the cost of maintenance, storage, printing of ballots, technical support and programming, related supplies and materials, and software licensing fees. A county’s share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting system shall be based upon the county’s voting age population.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a county that has purchased a voting system within the last 10 years is not required to implement the uniform statewide voting system provided for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting system until the system is implemented in the county.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed to the State and fifty

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percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed, on the basis of a county's voting age population, to the counties that have implemented the uniform statewide voting system provided for under this Act in the fiscal year in which the funds are received."

On page 2 of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments, in line 7 of Amendment No.1, strike "4." and substitute "7.".