



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Board of Elections Voting Equipment Replacement Request**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** March 11, 2019

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve the Durham County Board of Elections request to replace all Optical Scan voting equipment, consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§163-165.8 and 163-165.9. On July 5, 2018, the Board of Elections unanimously approved the purchase of 75 DS200 Optical Scanners and 1 DS850 Central Tabulator from Elections Systems and Software (ES&S), using funds reserved in the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for this purpose. The total cost of this purchase is \$595,775.00. If approved, the County would receive \$111,347.18 in trade-in value for 69 Model 100 Optical Scanners and 1 M650 Central Tabulator currently owned, which effectively decreases the total price to \$484,427.82. This proposed purchase will not include replacement of our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant equipment, as there is not a certified option in the State of North Carolina. Details related to total cost and annual firmware, software, and maintenance agreements, are included in the attached documents (N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-165.9 (2)).

The inventory currently being utilized by the Durham County Board of Elections was purchased in 2006 primarily with Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds. These funds are not currently available to assist counties with equipment replacement costs.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** The replacement of aging and outdated systems is consistent with Goal 5 of the strategic plan which requires Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government and facilitates honest, fair and accurate elections in Durham County.

**Resource Persons:** Derek Bowens, Durham County Elections Director and Chris Andrews, PrintElect.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the voting equipment replacement request made by the Durham County Board of Elections.