



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7129

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
OF VOTING TABULATORS AND ACCESSORIES PURCHASED BY
THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-239 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The fiscal authority in each municipality shall authorize payment
4 of the bill incurred for the purchase or lease or other method of
5 acquisition of an adequate number of voting tabulators incurred by the
6 officials who are responsible for providing the same under the
7 provisions of section 9-238.

8 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
9 and section 9-238, the Secretary of the State may purchase directly from
10 the manufacturer of a voting tabulator approved under section 9-241
11 voting tabulators or voting tabulator accessories and subsequently
12 transfer ownership of any such voting tabulator or voting tabulator

13 accessory to the officials in one or more municipalities who are
14 responsible for providing the same under the provisions of section 9-
15 238.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-239
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill authorizes the Secretary of the State, to purchase and distribute approved tabulators to municipalities resulting in no fiscal impact. The tabulators, which were purchased through \$25 million in bond funding, will be distributed directly to the municipalities from the manufacturer.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7129*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS OF VOTING TABULATORS AND ACCESSORIES PURCHASED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.*****SUMMARY**

Under existing law, each municipal fiscal authority must authorize payment for any bill incurred for purchasing, leasing, or otherwise acquiring a sufficient number of voting tabulators by a town's board of selectmen, a city's common council, or the warden and burgesses of a borough, whichever is applicable.

This bill authorizes the secretary of the state, regardless of this requirement, to purchase approved voting tabulators or tabulator accessories directly from the manufacturer and transfer ownership of them to the municipalities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)