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)