

## Reduction Impact Detail

**Department Name:** Voter Registration and Elections

**Budget Unit:** 4410000

### Total Departmental Budget Impact

	Base	Unfunded	Funded Base	Percentage
Appropriations	9,398,461	12,352	9,386,109	0.13%
Reimbursements (-)			0	
Net Appropriations	9,398,461		9,386,109	
Revenues:				
Federal			0	
State	404,709		404,709	
Realignment			0	
Prop 172			0	
Fees	1,593,337		1,593,337	
Other	30,000		30,000	
Total Revenues	2,028,046	0	2,028,046	
Carryover			0	
Net Cost	7,370,415	12,352	7,358,063	0.17%
Fulltime Equivalent Positions	33.0	0.0	33.0	

**Categorical Reduction:** \$ N/A

**Non-categorical Reduction:** \$ N/A

### Staffing Reduction Summary N/A

Class Code	Classification Name	Vacant	Filled
	<b>Fulltime Equivalent Positions</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## **Program Description: Election Administration**

### **Program Impact:**

The impact to the program as a result of the reduction is that VRE will not have the staffing resources needed to participate in the Secretary of State's full roll-out of the Statewide Voter Registration Database in 2015. The rollout will have a time and work commitment on staff to ensure the state-level EMS system interfaces seamlessly with the local EMS system.

Additionally, the reduction will prevent VRE from improving the accessibility of polling places to individuals with limited proficiency in the English language. In 2013, the Secretary of State added five languages to the two minority languages already required under Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. The department will not be able to expand its outreach to the language communities to increase the pool of precinct officers with these language skills.

Lastly, the department will not be able to fund a special election in early 2015. The June election includes contests for Assembly District 9 and County Supervisor District 2. Both contests include a candidate who is currently an elected official in another district, whose term expires in 2016. Should either candidate win his or her contest, it will consequently leave a vacancy which will require another election.

While the unfunded portion of our budget is listed at \$12,352, we have detailed the true budget impact of the total reduction that the department is asked to absorb in the amount of \$221,102. This amount includes a vacancy factor of \$208,750 from salary savings as a result of an unusual volume of staff movements combined with the lengthy process of establishing hiring lists; which left the positions vacant longer than anticipated. With the expectation that all these positions will be filled in the very beginning of FY 2014-15, little salary savings are anticipated. The total requested base budget of \$9,607,211 is a true reflection of the existing needs of the department.

### **Potential Impact on other Departments/Program Partners:**

There is no impact to other departments as a result of the reduction.

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