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HOUSE BILL DRH40369-STa-38 (03/21)

Short Title: Election Equipment/Grants to Counties. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lewis.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST COUNTY
3 BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO REPLACE OUTDATED ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the State
6 Board of Elections for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program to assist county
7 boards of elections with costs of replacing outdated voting equipment.
8 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Elections shall offer matching grants to each
9 county of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for purchasing voting equipment that
10 complies with the requirements of federal law and Chapter 163 of the General Statutes,
11 including hardware and software. The county shall expend at an amount equal to the grant from
12 the State Board on voting equipment that complies with the requirements of federal law and
13 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, including hardware and software. Any amounts spent by
14 the county on or after January 1, 2016, on voting equipment that complies with the
15 requirements of federal law and Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, including hardware and
16 software, shall be counted toward the county match.
17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

