

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-605

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Finance Committee

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: September 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of fiscal year carry-over; request for emergency approval on second reading

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,238,565 from the General Fund/GSD Property Taxes account to the General Fund/GSD Specialized Equipment account to provide funding to the Supervisor of Elections for the purchase of scanners and tabulators for various polling locations. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY23-24. Emergency passage on second reading is requested.

Background Information: The Supervisor of Elections has requested the funding to purchase new equipment in advance of the 2024 presidential elections (potential partisan presidential preference primary in March, state primary and general elections in August and November). The new ExpressVote machines will replace the ballot-on-demand printers at the early voting sites and will replace the vote tabulators at all precincts that have reached the end of their useful lives and are prone to breakdowns. The reduction or elimination of breakdowns and bottlenecks in the voting process will help enhance public confidence in the election process.

Policy Impact Area: Voting equipment replacement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$2,238,565 from the General Fund/GSD Property Taxes account to the General Fund/GSD Specialized Equipment account.

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