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13 PUBLIC HEARING  
14 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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16 BEFORE:

17 HONORABLE WILLIAM F. ADOLPH, JR., CHAIRMAN  
18 HONORABLE JOSEPH F. MARKOSEK  
19 HONORABLE JOHN BEAR  
20 HONORABLE MARTIN T. CAUSER  
21 HONORABLE JIM CHRISTIANA  
22 HONORABLE GARY DAY  
23 HONORABLE GORDON DENLINGER  
24 HONORABLE BRIAN L. ELLIS  
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12 HONORABLE TIM MAHONEY  
13 HONORABLE MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN  
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15 HONORABLE JOHN P. SABATINA, JR.  
16 HONORABLE STEVE SAMUELSON  
17 HONORABLE MATTHEW SMITH  
18 HONORABLE GREG VITALI  
19 HONORABLE RONALD G. WATERS

20 ALSO PRESENT:

21 HONORABLE RICK SACCONI  
22 HONORABLE JULIE HARHART  
23 HONORABLE DARYL D. METCALFE  
24 HONORABLE THOMAS P. MURT  
25 HONORABLE ROBERT GODSHALL  
26 HONORABLE KATE HARPER  
27 HONORABLE MARCIA HAHN  
28 HONORABLE JOSEPH T. HACKETT  
29 HONORABLE MARK M. GILLEN  
30 HONORABLE SUE HELM  
31 HONORABLE LYNDY SCHLEGEL CULVER  
32 HONORABLE RICHARD STEVENSON  
33 HONORABLE GENE DIGIROLAMO  
34 HONORABLE CHRIS SAINATO  
35 HONORABLE WILLIAM C. KORTZ, II  
36 HONORABLE VANESSA LOWERY  
37 HONORABLE PAMELA A. DeLISSIO  
38 HONORABLE BABETTE JOSEPHS  
39 HONORABLE DOM COSTA  
40 HONORABLE BRYAN BARBIN  
41 HONORABLE THOMAS R. CALTAGIRONE  
42 HONORABLE MARK LONGIETTI  
43 HONORABLE DAN FRANKEL  
44 HONORABLE HARRY READSHAW  
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46 MIRIAM FOX, MINORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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48 BRENDA S. HAMILTON, RPR, NOTARY PUBLIC AND REPORTER

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2 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you. I'd like  
3 to call to order the House Appropriations budget  
4 hearing. The next testifier is the Secretary of the  
5 Department of State, Carol Aichele.

6 Good morning --

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: -- Madam Secretary.

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Nice to have you  
11 here.

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: It's nice to be  
13 here.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: And I want to  
15 personally thank you for moving your schedule up to  
16 accommodate our schedule.

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: My pleasure.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you. I'd also  
19 like to compliment you and your staff for making the  
20 process of petitions circulating, at least bringing  
21 the petitions up to Harrisburg as painless as  
22 possible.

23 I think the new equipment that has been  
24 used over there makes the process move much  
25 quicker. I found the -- the folks there very

1 helpful and very well trained.

2 So thank you for that part of this  
3 process.

4 SECRETARY AICHELE: I will share that  
5 with our -- our employees and the Bureau of  
6 Elections. It was a bold undertaking, and -- and we  
7 believe it worked very well. Much better than we  
8 hoped for the first time around. It will only get  
9 better.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. Obviously  
11 we're all aware that the court has rejected the  
12 reapportionment map, and I'd like to ask you how  
13 does that affect your current budget proposal?

14 SECRETARY AICHELE: If there is a  
15 requirement to republish before the June 30th end of  
16 this fiscal year, we plan to use what is left over  
17 from the -- from the original printing.

18 Every time we print a reapportionment  
19 map it costs about \$400,000 and we have to print  
20 twice. So we're looking at an \$800,000  
21 appropriation.

22 If it goes into the 2012/2013 year, we  
23 will need funding for that. We will ask for a  
24 waiver to apply the money that was not  
25 appropriate -- not spent in this calendar year, and

1 we're looking at about \$500,000.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: \$500,000?

3 SECRETARY AICHELE: Five hundred  
4 fifteen, something like that.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. Thank you.  
6 Chairman Markosek.

7 REP. MARKOSEK: Thank you, Chairman.  
8 And, Secretary, good morning.

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

10 REP. MARKOSEK: Thank you for attending  
11 here. I just have one brief question.

12 But before I do that, for the  
13 information of the members, Representative Tim  
14 Mahoney from Fayette County is with us this  
15 morning.

16 And, Chairman, if I may, a former  
17 member, Katie True, is with us here today. So  
18 welcome, Katie.

19 COMMISSIONER TRUE: Nice to see you.

20 REP. MARKOSEK: Secretary, brief  
21 question that I have. And it's just basically about  
22 the districting and -- and the extended cost of the  
23 process. And I know the judges have recently ruled  
24 that the special elections would take place.

25 Can you just give us an idea what it

1 costs to do a special election if you do one other  
2 than during the regular primary or the regular  
3 general election?

4 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have looked at  
5 costs in the past. And if you can rely on -- on  
6 costs that were applied for -- for elections that  
7 took place before, that's the basis. That can  
8 change.

9 But our best estimate is that a House  
10 race, a special election House race, can cost up to  
11 \$200,000. A Senate race can cost up to \$250,000.

12 So it's a significant investment.  
13 Sometimes the costs have come in below those  
14 numbers, sometimes above.

15 REP. MARKOSEK: So that's per -- per  
16 race?

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: Per race.

18 REP. MARKOSEK: So, for example, if you  
19 had -- we had six in the House here, I believe.

20 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

21 REP. MARKOSEK: Six specials. Had we  
22 not -- had the courts not ruled the way they did, it  
23 could have been well over a million dollars --

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: It could have been.

25 REP. MARKOSEK: -- for your department

1 to do those various -- okay. Thank you.

2 That's basically all I had. We can go  
3 to the other members, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. Thank you,  
5 Chairman.

6 And I would also like to echo it's nice  
7 to see former State Representative Katie True from  
8 Lancaster County. I had the privilege of serving  
9 with Katie for almost a decade.

10 She had the displeasure of looking at  
11 the divot on the back of my head for about a decade,  
12 our seats were that close together. So it's always  
13 nice to see Katie and -- and I'm sure she's an asset  
14 to the -- to your department.

15 SECRETARY AICHELE: She is.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Yeah. I'd also like  
17 to acknowledge the presence of Representative Julie  
18 Harhart, the Chair of the House Professional  
19 Licensure Committee.

20 Julie, nice to see you.

21 REP. HARHART: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thanks for joining  
23 us.

24 And the next question will be offered  
25 by Gary Day of Lehigh Valley.



1                   REP. DAY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman.  
2                   Thank you for being here today. My  
3 question -- my first question centers around the  
4 electoral process in Pennsylvania.

5                   We now have electronic machines, voter  
6 balloting machines. And have you looked at or have  
7 any plans for the electronic receipt of the data out  
8 of those machines, specifically to be able to go  
9 over, take the data out of the machine, walk over to  
10 a cable modem or -- or some other type of electronic  
11 device, plug that in, and potentially have all the  
12 returns by 8:30 or 8:40 electronically in -- in  
13 Harrisburg or a central location?

14                   Have you looked at that issue? Have  
15 you thought about that issue?

16                   SECRETARY AICHELE: As a former county  
17 commissioner, elections are done at the county  
18 level. So they actually do take the cartridges out  
19 of the machines and they bring them -- or take them  
20 to voter services and they're -- they are read at  
21 voter services.

22                   And then the data from each of the  
23 counties is then transmitted electronically to the  
24 Department of State.

25                   In some of our counties they have both

1 optical scan machines and DREs, electronic -- direct  
2 reporting electronic voting machines.

3 So in those cases, you have to do a mix  
4 at the county level to count both the optical scans  
5 and the DREs. And that's done at the county level,  
6 and it would be very difficult for us to do at the  
7 state level.

8 And I think the -- the focus is still  
9 to have counties perform the election service at the  
10 county level and transmit that information to the  
11 Department of State and it would be at their  
12 discretion.

13 REP. DAY: Can I just ask and clarify?  
14 You -- from the -- I'm looking at from the precinct  
15 to the -- to the county, you know, election center.

16 SECRETARY AICHELE: The transmission?

17 REP. DAY: Did you say there's already  
18 -- I forget the phrase that you used.

19 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have been -- my  
20 experience has been that people are more comfortable  
21 taking the cartridge out of the machine and driving  
22 it to the -- the voter services center.

23 I believe you can do it electronically,  
24 but it was our decision as county commissioners not  
25 to because the -- if technology improves and there's

1 a high level of confidence that nothing can take  
2 place between -- during the transmissions, that may  
3 come to pass. But at the moment.

4 The beauty of -- of the optical  
5 machine, for instance, is the cartridge can come out  
6 of the machine and go right into the counting  
7 process. But you also have the paper counts in  
8 the -- in the bin.

9 So -- and those need to be transported  
10 by -- by a person and kept under lock and key. It  
11 helps people get the count correct.

12 REP. DAY: I would just -- I -- I'm  
13 aware and have also heard people have concerns about  
14 that transmission, over the electronic transmission,  
15 and I would just encourage you to investigate, work  
16 with our counties to do actually a dual system,  
17 where we do it exactly the same way and in addition  
18 to, one step further, is to have these machines at  
19 the precinct and then do them electronically.

20 Then we have two different sets of  
21 returns, the current return, plus an electronic  
22 return. And bring --

23 SECRETARY AICHELE: At the polling  
24 place?

25 REP. DAY: Right. And it brings

1 actually more security as far as I'm concerned.

2 Your next question should be, as soon  
3 as I fund that, as soon as I figure out a way to  
4 fund that, and I'll be glad to talk to you about  
5 ways to do that.

6 But if you would just consider that  
7 idea, I would be very appreciative. I think it's  
8 the next step and I just -- it might be a couple  
9 years off, but it's the next step where I'd like us  
10 to be looking.

11 Thank you for your questions [sic].

12 And thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
14 representative.

15 Representative Tim Mahoney.

16 REP. MAHONEY: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 Good morning, ma'am.

19 SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

20 REP. MAHONEY: First of all, I want to  
21 thank you. I think this has to be one of the  
22 easiest years to file a petition, with -- without a  
23 doubt.

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you. Thank  
25 you very much.

1 REP. MAHONEY: Yeah.

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: We really  
3 appreciate that.

4 REP. MAHONEY: It was -- it was like a  
5 walk in the park. And the second question is the  
6 SURE system that you're all working on --

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

8 REP. MAHONEY: -- could you give us an  
9 update on that, on where you're at with that?

10 SECRETARY AICHELE: The SURE system was  
11 implemented after the 2000 presidential election as  
12 part of the Help America Vote Act.

13 It's a Statewide Uniform Registry of  
14 Electors, and it was originally designed to be a  
15 statewide election list so that people would --  
16 there would be a central location for registration  
17 so that a person couldn't register in, for instance,  
18 Delaware County and also register in Chester County  
19 and there would be an automatic way to track our  
20 voters who moved from one house to another.

21 And it's worked beautifully. It had a  
22 few rough spots at the very beginning, but it has --  
23 it has -- those have been worked out and it's gotten  
24 much better.

25 We have been also able to add to the

1 system, through we -- through portals, counties can  
2 access voter information directly. We had public  
3 portals for the SURE system.

4 And we are looking at it -- at having  
5 electronic voter registration all online so you can  
6 register to vote online and you can request a  
7 absentee ballot online. You don't have to -- you  
8 know, you have to -- you would have to send a  
9 request to your county voter services and then they  
10 would send you a -- an absentee ballot.

11 Now you can request your absentee  
12 ballot online. You will be able to as of the  
13 summer.

14 So we have built on the SURE system.  
15 It is a system that has always cost approximately \$6  
16 million a year to run. The -- the computer part of  
17 that is a contracted piece that's about 5.7  
18 million.

19 The state of Pennsylvania has funded  
20 about 3.7 per year. So you can see there's a  
21 difference. We've used Help America Vote money to  
22 backfill the -- to bring it up to the \$6 million  
23 that we actually need.

24 You will see as we go through the next  
25 few years a compensating -- a request for additional

1 funding to bring the state's portion of the HAVA  
2 fund -- or of the SURE system funding to a hundred  
3 percent. We expect the HAVA money will disappear  
4 this year or next year.

5 REP. MAHONEY: So in the future per se  
6 it might be possible to purge the voters list  
7 through the state?

8 SECRETARY AICHELE: I think that's  
9 going to take legislation. Currently we are not  
10 allowed to purge until two complete presidential  
11 cycles have taken place.

12 REP. MAHONEY: All right.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: That is not at the  
14 discretion of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

15 REP. MAHONEY: All right. Thank you  
16 very much.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
18 representative.

19 The next question will be by  
20 Representative Gordon Denlinger.

21 REP. DENLINGER: Thank you,  
22 Mr. Chairman.

23 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

24 REP. DENLINGER: Good morning,  
25 Secretary. Good to have you with us.

1 I'd like to enter into a discussion  
2 about a lawsuit that you were engaged in which began  
3 as Banfield versus Cortes and now is Banfield versus  
4 Aichele.

5 A voter has challenged the state, you  
6 and all of us, on voting rights, and -- and I'm  
7 wondering -- it's in relation to the machines that  
8 we have, the voting machines.

9 And I'm wondering if you can give us  
10 the specific nature of the complaint and a status  
11 update on the case, where we stand at this point?

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: The essence of the  
13 case is the confidence that the Banfield group has  
14 in the electronic -- the accuracy of the recording  
15 of the votes and whether the electronic voting  
16 machines could be tampered with.

17 You have to remember that the voting  
18 machines that each state was able to purchase had to  
19 first be approved by the federal government and then  
20 be approved at the state level.

21 So there were a limited number of  
22 machines that counties could select to use in  
23 Pennsylvania, and I think we have about six, six  
24 different kinds, maybe seven.

25 But they were all federally approved



1 and state approved. We are, even as we speak,  
2 testing in the Keystone Building to verify the  
3 accuracy of each of the machines that are allowed --  
4 that are allowed to be used here in Pennsylvania.

5 The Banfield case has -- the oral  
6 arguments took place in November. It was a  
7 Commonwealth Court case, and we are still awaiting a  
8 decision on that case.

9 The issue would be if -- if -- depends  
10 on what the court rules. But, you know, the -- I  
11 think, you know, there is a possibility the -- the  
12 litigants believe that the machines we're using  
13 might yield incorrect results; and if they're able  
14 to prove that, then we would have to look at  
15 different -- and the court approves that -- then we  
16 would have to look at different voting machines.

17 REP. DENLINGER: Could you put a finer  
18 point on that? Of the six types of machines, is --  
19 is Banfield asserting that all six would be an  
20 issue?

21 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes. We're testing  
22 all of them.

23 REP. DENLINGER: Okay. So we're  
24 talking about a statewide replacement of all -- of  
25 all voting machines?

1                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Which would be  
2 enormously expensive.

3                   REP. DENLINGER: Do you have a number  
4 that you could share with us? What that would cost?

5                   SECRETARY AICHELE: We're looking at  
6 between 125 to \$150 million. When we replaced, you  
7 know, the old -- the old machines we had during the  
8 early 2000s, when that was -- when all the machines  
9 were replaced in Pennsylvania with these six or  
10 seven approved machines, it was federal money that  
11 paid for the purchasing of these machines.

12                   If it were to -- if there were a  
13 requirement or a court order to replace the voting  
14 machines, counties still administer elections and  
15 there would be a thought that the counties would pay  
16 for it, but I'm sure they would be in touch with the  
17 legislature for additional funding.

18                   REP. DENLINGER: Well, thank you for  
19 that update. And to the extent it represents a  
20 significant potential liability, please keep us  
21 updated through our Chairman on the progress of that  
22 case. I think we're all very interested in what  
23 might happen there.

24                   Thank you.

25                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
2 representative.

3 Chairman Markosek for announcements.

4 REP. MARKOSEK: Thank you, Chairman.

5 Representative John Sabatina from  
6 Philadelphia is with us, as well as a guest of the  
7 Committee, Representative Bryan Barbin from --

8 REP. BARBIN: From Cambria County.

9 REP. MARKOSEK: -- Cambria County.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you.

12 The next question will be by  
13 Representative Brownlee.

14 REP. BROWNLEE: Good morning. How are  
15 you?

16 SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

17 REP. BROWNLEE: Thank you,

18 Mr. Chairman.

19 Good after -- good morning, Madam  
20 Secretary.

21 I have a question regarding the -- the  
22 voter ID bill that is coming down the pike. There  
23 is an estimate cost of a million dollars, I think,  
24 from the Governor's office for that ID bill, and  
25 some say it will cost over -- more than that, 11

1 million, some say four million, a little over four  
2 million.

3 With that kind of money being spent and  
4 with programs being cut, social services programs  
5 being cut, how much evidence of voter fraud is  
6 evident in the Commonwealth?

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have no cases  
8 that we can specifically refer to. However, we have  
9 no means to detect or deter voter fraud.

10 So if voter -- allegations of voter  
11 fraud are dealt with at the county level, and there  
12 are people who think there's voter fraud. If you're  
13 -- the District Attorneys handle the cases, and  
14 District Attorneys offices are over -- overworked.  
15 And if you're a District Attorney and you need to  
16 choose between prosecuting a murder or a robbery,  
17 you're going to choose that over a voter fraud  
18 allegation.

19 Our main problem is that we have no way  
20 to detect voter fraud as a government. We rely  
21 entirely on -- on -- on reports from individuals.

22 So the -- the effort to build the  
23 confidence that Pennsylvanians have in their voting  
24 system would be enhanced by I think -- I think by a  
25 photo ID component.

1                   REP. BROWNLEE: I'm from Philadelphia  
2 and I've talked to some of the commissioners there.

3                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

4                   REP. BROWNLEE: They reinforce what you  
5 say as it relates to there are no reported voter  
6 fraud incidents, at least in Philadelphia. I do  
7 know Philadelphia has a reputation in the past, but  
8 with the electronic machines and -- and so forth,  
9 there's actually no voter fraud incidences to  
10 report.

11                   So my question, if there is a voter  
12 fraud incident, who is going to prosecute and what  
13 is going to be the end result of someone committing  
14 the act of voter fraud?

15                   Who's going to prosecute them and  
16 what's going to happen?

17                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Okay. The voter --  
18 if there's voter fraud, it would still be prosecuted  
19 by the District Attorney in the county.

20                   And, representative, one of the issues  
21 that particularly the citizens of Philadelphia lived  
22 through was the Stinson/Marks race in the late 1990s  
23 and it was -- it was fundamentally absentee voter  
24 fraud. And a federal judge -- in this case, the  
25 case went to a federal court and overturned a Senate

1 race because of -- of fraudulent absentee  
2 balloting.

3 Part of the component that we're going  
4 to -- that's part of the bill that the Senate just  
5 passed is verifying identities for absentee ballot  
6 requests. You're going to need to show your  
7 driver's license number, your -- or your last four  
8 digits of your Social Security number.

9 So that's a huge component for -- for  
10 voter security and integrity in the system.

11 REP. BROWNLEE: Okay. With -- with  
12 absentee ballots, I believe the process is you get  
13 the application, you fill it out, and you mail it  
14 in. So you're not present.

15 Is -- is what -- what are you -- is  
16 the -- is the form going to be changed --

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: You will --

18 REP. BROWNLEE: -- where someone is  
19 going to be able to put a Social Security number on  
20 the form or a ID on the form?

21 You know, what I'm saying? How do you  
22 verify it if it's an absentee ballot.

23 SECRETARY AICHELE: Often -- people --  
24 if you're registering -- if you're requesting a  
25 absentee ballot, anyone requesting the absentee

1 ballot must now -- and this will be easy for people  
2 who are who they say they are. They will need put  
3 on their driver's license number or they will have  
4 to put the last four digits of their Social Security  
5 number.

6 If you're doing massive voter fraud,  
7 which is what took place during the Stinson/Marks  
8 race, generally they're not going to have those  
9 numbers.

10 REP. BROWNLEE: Okay. When someone --  
11 it looks -- it seems a little redundant because  
12 when someone in -- I know in the county of  
13 Philadelphia registers to vote, you have to put the  
14 last four digits of your Social Security number or  
15 your driver's license on your actual voter  
16 affidavit. So --

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: That's the --  
18 that's the information we're going to use because it  
19 all comes -- the identity piece will be processed  
20 through PennDOT.

21 Because PennDOT -- PennDOT has both  
22 your Social Security number and your driver ID  
23 number, and we will be working in cooperation with  
24 the Department of Transportation.

25 REP. BROWNLEE: Okay. One other

1 question.

2 In my district, I've worked in the  
3 district for several years, after 9/11 you have to  
4 have ID to get a birth certificate. You have to  
5 have the birth certificate and ID to get PennDOT.

6 So, you know, what happens if a senior  
7 loses everything? Most seniors may or may not have  
8 a birth certificate so they can't get ID. You know,  
9 what happens if -- if the -- if the person is  
10 already registered, has been voting for years, every  
11 election, and they've lost their ID to get ID,  
12 because I know in other states, I believe it's  
13 Indiana, you have to have specific IDs in order to  
14 qualify for the free state ID to register to vote or  
15 to vote.

16 SECRETARY AICHELE: Representative, it  
17 will be the -- the highest priority of the  
18 Department of State to make sure that every eligible  
19 voter in Pennsylvania has photo ID.

20 There will be cases where people can't  
21 find their -- their birth certificate. There are  
22 other forms of identification that they can use.

23 I know for -- from my example, my son  
24 needed his birth certificate to -- to be in the  
25 Navy, and I had to call my state rep to get a



1 birth -- a copy of his birth certificate from  
2 wherever they keep them in these salt mines  
3 someplace.

4 So, you know, part -- we will ask for  
5 your cooperation in making sure that we are able to  
6 access or that PennDOT and your representative --  
7 and your eligible voters can access birth  
8 certificates or appropriate forms of identification  
9 so they can protect their right to vote.

10 REP. BROWNLEE: Okay. Thank you,  
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 Thank you, Madam Secretary.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
15 representative.

16 Representative Mike O'Brien.

17 REP. O'BRIEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 Madam Secretary, I've got to pick up on  
19 -- on Representative Brownlee's line of  
20 questioning.

21 The Senate fiscal note was one million  
22 dollars for voter ID. Based on information from  
23 your department. One million dollars.

24 In today's press, the Philadelphia  
25 Inquirer reports \$4.8 million. The Progressive

1 Think Tank says \$11 million. There's a big spread  
2 of money.

3 We're not talking about loose change on  
4 the bureau here. We're talking substantial amounts  
5 of money. For no cases. For no cases of fraud.

6 In this tight budget year where we're  
7 hurting people, hurting people, it -- I just can't  
8 get my head around this, Madam Secretary. I really  
9 can't.

10 But here's my question. That was more  
11 commentary.

12 In my home precinct I have a woman who  
13 has voted in every single election, primary and  
14 general, since women were enfranchised with the  
15 vote. Every single election. She lives across the  
16 street from a polling place. She gets herself up.  
17 She dolls herself up. She comes. She votes.

18 She has no ID. She has no ID. And  
19 that salt mine where her birth certificate is  
20 located is in the bowels of the earth. There may  
21 not even be a birth certificate for her, because she  
22 was born at home with the aid of a midwife. Her  
23 birth may not have been recorded.

24 How can your department sit there and  
25 tell me that you're about to disenfranchise this

1 woman? Please, help me.

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: I --

3 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Madam Secretary,  
4 before -- before you say anything, my good friend  
5 from Philadelphia, Mike O'Brien, you know, it's the  
6 legislative that is passing this legislation and --  
7 and the Governor will sign it. And the Secretary of  
8 State is then charged with following the  
9 legislation.

10 So I certainly don't want the good  
11 secretary to go on record as if she's the one that's  
12 supporting or opposing this piece of legislation.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: Representative, no  
14 one in Pennsylvania, and certainly not the woman in  
15 your precinct will ever be denied the right to vote  
16 in Pennsylvania.

17 She will be able to vote provisionally  
18 if -- if we -- and I can say I consider --

19 REP. O'BRIEN: But not able to put her  
20 vote on the machine?

21 SECRETARY AICHELE: I consider it my  
22 responsibility to make sure that eligible voters,  
23 all eligible voters in Pennsylvania, have the photo  
24 ID that will permit them to vote in an election. So  
25 I -- that's my commentment to you.

1                   REP. O'BRIEN: So, please, go down  
2 through the process of what happens when a  
3 provisional ballot is cast.

4                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Our --

5                   REP. O'BRIEN: So in essence someone  
6 appears at a polling place. There's a question of  
7 whether they're a qualified elector. They fill out  
8 a provisional ballot. And then what happens?

9                   SECRETARY AICHELE: The provisional  
10 ballot is submitted with the rest of the -- the  
11 information from the polling place and the -- the --  
12 the voter has the right, or can within the next six  
13 days, submit information -- does not have to go to  
14 voter services; they can submit the information  
15 electronically; they can fax it; they can send it  
16 e-mail -- proof of identity.

17                   It would be my thinking, if I were in  
18 her position that -- that my representative would  
19 help me secure the information to protect my vote.

20                   REP. O'BRIEN: We're pretty good in  
21 turnaround time with birth certificates in my  
22 office.

23                   But the reality of the situation is six  
24 days. Secure a birth certificate. Secure a  
25 government-issued photo ID. Submit that and have

1 her vote counted. It borders on an impossibility.

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: It would be my  
3 thinking --

4 REP. O'BRIEN: So --

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- that that would  
6 be Commonwealth --

7 REP. O'BRIEN: So she's  
8 disenfranchised.

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: She will not be  
10 disenfranchised. I would -- I would expect -- if  
11 this were to happen in Chester County, Judge  
12 MacElree would be hearing those cases within the  
13 six-day period.

14 And I'm sure there's a Common Pleas  
15 Court judge in Philadelphia County that would do the  
16 same thing. Or any county.

17 REP. O'BRIEN: But the case can't be  
18 heard until she has a photo ID.

19 SECRETARY AICHELE: Well --

20 REP. O'BRIEN: We'll end there. Thank  
21 you, Madam Secretary.

22 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
24 Representative O'Brien.

25 The next question will be offered by

1 Representative Steve Samuelson.

2 REP. SAMUELSON: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 Just -- just to follow up on  
5 Representative O'Brien -- O'Brien's question and the  
6 provisional ballot, and I know we talked about this  
7 when this bill was on the floor of the House last  
8 year.

9 And my understanding is, as you said,  
10 that if the provisional ballot is cast, that within  
11 the six days after that the person has to take  
12 additional action in order to vote.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: Correct.

14 REP. SAMUELSON: Now --

15 SECRETARY AICHELE: For the vote to  
16 count.

17 REP. SAMUELSON: For the vote to  
18 count. Which before we started talking about this  
19 bill, that person's vote counted in the United  
20 States of America, in Pennsylvania.

21 But here now with this bill, House Bill  
22 934 we're talking about a person has to take two  
23 steps to vote. They have to get -- now here we're  
24 talking about a senior citizen that Representative  
25 O'Brien asked about.

1           I think you answered that she should  
2     get her fax machine. A lot of senior citizens don't  
3     have fax machines at home. A lot of senior citizens  
4     don't have e-mail at home. A lot of senior citizens  
5     can't take another -- if they don't have the fax or  
6     the e-mail, I believe the -- the recourse is to  
7     drive to the courthouse.

8           So you -- in the past, you went to vote  
9     at your polling place in your neighborhood. Now, in  
10    order to vote in the United States of America, in  
11    Pennsylvania, if you don't have your ID, you have to  
12    go buy a fax machine, hook up your e-mail, or drive  
13    down to the courthouse within the next six days or  
14    your vote doesn't count.

15           That's -- that seems like extraordinary  
16    hurdles for a person to take. I -- I don't know  
17    what other recourse that senior citizen would have.

18           And we're not talking about a few  
19    people. In our committee meeting we discussed this  
20    last year. We think there's a 160,000 senior  
21    citizens who don't have a photo ID.

22           So this is not just one or two people.  
23    This is a large number of Pennsylvanians who are  
24    going to have to jump through hoops to vote.

25           SECRETARY AICHELE: The numbers that

1 we're getting from the Department of State, eligible  
2 voters, and we did not sort them according to age.  
3 So this is not a specific number with respect to  
4 senior citizens. A total of 80,000 voters.

5 Now, that's not a trivial number, and  
6 it will be the responsibility of all of the members  
7 of the Department of State that we have here to make  
8 sure that those citizens know that they need a photo  
9 ID.

10 We're planning on doing -- if this bill  
11 passes, we will do a soft roll-out for the primary  
12 election, let people know that they need to secure  
13 photo ID, and tell them how they can do it.

14 We have a hotline set up. PA Votes  
15 will also have information about -- about this. And  
16 we -- and we will be doing advertising.

17 One of the advantages of a federal  
18 election year is there is federal money to do  
19 advertising to encourage people to vote.

20 If you remember in 2008, it was Ready  
21 Set Vote. It was part of the 2008 election. We  
22 will be doing a similar -- we would be doing this  
23 anyhow, and we will have a large component, if the  
24 bill passes, to let people know -- not two days  
25 before the November election, but as soon as the



1 bill passes -- that they need to be looking at  
2 ways to secure voter ID.

3 REP. SAMUELSON: That leads into my  
4 second question. I think you said there's 80,000  
5 people who don't have a photo ID, which is a  
6 significant number.

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: Eligible voters.  
8 One percent.

9 REP. SAMUELSON: And last year the  
10 Department of State provided some numbers that  
11 talked about 3.9 percent and the total number of  
12 people was 387,000 people.

13 I think the analysis last year was  
14 taking the total adult population of Pennsylvania,  
15 9.9 million, and subtracting out the 9.5 million  
16 that also have some kind of photo ID from PennDOT,  
17 and the difference is 387,000.

18 Now, this year there's a new number  
19 that the Senate was using. I think the Senate was  
20 using 189,000, and now today it's a hundred -- it's  
21 80,000.

22 What -- how do you get the 80,000  
23 people? How do you -- how do you calculate that  
24 number?

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: Not all adult

1 Pennsylvanians are eligible voters. This is -- we  
2 had -- we refined the number to address only  
3 eligible --

4 REP. SAMUELSON: Okay.

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- voters.

6 REP. SAMUELSON: Let me ask this then.  
7 If you subtracted noneligible voters from the  
8 overall number, did you also subtract noneligible  
9 voters from the number that you were using from  
10 PennDOT?

11 You know, if you -- if you took the top  
12 number --

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: I think it was a  
14 combination. The -- the number that would be -- we  
15 would be using to establish the required number of  
16 photo IDs would only be eligible voters anyhow.

17 REP. SAMUELSON: Okay. And I'm looking  
18 at these numbers. It looks like you reduced the  
19 number of eligible voters by -- I'm sorry -- reduced  
20 the population number by 299,000 and made a  
21 determination that 100,000 of the PennDOT ID people  
22 are noneligible voters. How did you determine  
23 that --

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: Through the --

25 REP. SAMUELSON: -- the number of

1 eligible voters was 299 and the number of  
2 noneligible voters through PennDOT was 100,000?

3 SECRETARY AICHELE: We can -- we did it  
4 with respect to immigration numbers in the census.  
5 And you know what, representative? I can get you  
6 the specific --

7 REP. SAMUELSON: Okay.

8 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- methodology for  
9 how that was arrived -- how we arrived at that  
10 number.

11 REP. SAMUELSON: Final question. I  
12 know in the analysis that was used last year when  
13 this bill was debated in the House there was a cost  
14 estimate from the Appropriations Committee of about  
15 4.3 million.

16 There are other estimates by  
17 independent groups that I think is higher, but the  
18 numbers used in the -- in the House was 4.3  
19 million. The Senate is now talking about one  
20 million.

21 I think one thing the Senate's leaving  
22 out is the fact that the bill would require PennDOT  
23 to issue photo IDs for free, so there wouldn't be  
24 any kind of a poll tax.

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: Correct.

1 REP. SAMUELSON: Okay. So currently  
2 215,000 pay PennDOT to get a photo ID. If we had a  
3 new policy where PennDOT issues photo ID for free, I  
4 would expect those existing 215,000 people would  
5 want to save money and PennDOT would lose \$2.3  
6 million. Because why would -- why would those  
7 people continue to pay PennDOT if PennDOT had a  
8 photo ID policy that was free?

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: You would have to  
10 subtract the number of people who want photo IDs  
11 that are not eligible voters, and you have to  
12 establish that you have no other photo ID that is  
13 accepted by the state of Pennsylvania for voting  
14 purposes. So if you have a passport but you don't  
15 have a driver's license --

16 REP. SAMUELSON: Okay.

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- you don't get a  
18 free -- a free photo ID.

19 REP. SAMUELSON: If PennDOT currently  
20 gets \$2.3 million in revenue for people paying for a  
21 photo ID, why would anybody pay for the photo ID in  
22 the future if PennDOT was issuing them for free?  
23 Wouldn't PennDOT lose all \$2.3 million?

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: You would have to  
25 establish at the driver's licensing center that you

1 had no other acceptable voter identification for  
2 voting purposes.

3 I was -- when I was talking to the  
4 young people in Pennsylvania, I visited high schools  
5 all across Pennsylvania, and asked if they had photo  
6 ID. And all of their hands go up. And they're 16,  
7 so they're not even -- I thought they were driver's  
8 licenses. They're not driver's license. They're  
9 nondriver's photo ID.

10 And the reason they gave me is that you  
11 need that to buy cigarettes.

12 REP. ADOLPH: Representative, I think  
13 your line of questioning is very good, very --  
14 however, with this legislation still in the  
15 legislative process, these are questions that will  
16 be debated.

17 I believe the -- that the Senate passed  
18 the bill . They amended it. It's going to come  
19 back to the House. And I'm sure that the debate  
20 will go on.

21 And we're very fortunate to have the  
22 two committee chairs of State Government with me  
23 today. So we're going to be -- they're going to  
24 have an opportunity to make some comments as well.  
25 Without further ado --

1 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you,  
2 Representative.

3 REP. SAMUELSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: -- the -- the next  
5 question will be by Representative Sabatina. But at  
6 this time I'd also like to acknowledge some members  
7 that have come in.

8 Representative Culver, Representative  
9 Hackett, and Representative Hahn. Welcome and  
10 thanks for joining us.

11 Chairman?

12 REP. MARKOSEK: Also Representative  
13 Greg Vitali and Matt Smith from the Committee are  
14 with us and the forementioned Babette Josepehs is  
15 also here with us today. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Representative  
17 Sabatina.

18 REP. SABATINA: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Chairman.

20 Thank you, Madam Secretary.

21 SECRETARY AICHELE: Okay.

22 REP. SABATINA: It's a ping pong  
23 anyway.

24 And -- and I hate to belabor the point,  
25 but, again, my line of questioning deals with the --

1 the pending legislation we'll be discussing.

2 My question is who cards the voter?  
3 Who -- who is the determining person as to whether  
4 or not that ID fits that person?

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: Clerks and judges  
6 of election in your polling places.

7 REP. SABATINA: Okay.

8 SECRETARY AICHELE: So when you go in,  
9 you will show your photo ID and sign the book.

10 REP. SABATINA: Okay. The -- if  
11 there's no -- it's also my understanding there's no  
12 training involved?

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: There will be  
14 training.

15 REP. SABATINA: There will be  
16 training?

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: There definitely  
18 will be training.

19 REP. SABATINA: What kind of training  
20 are we talking about?

21 SECRETARY AICHELE: Helping -- well, we  
22 do training with -- with election workers --  
23 counties do training with election workers every  
24 year.

25 They will add whatever is approved by

1 the General Assembly with respect to any changes to  
2 their voting rules. So they will -- they will get  
3 that update.

4 REP. SABATINA: Okay.

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: And it's in  
6 writing. It is oftentimes -- in our county, we had  
7 it done on a video and they also can arrive in  
8 person for training. But they have to be trained to  
9 work in a polling place.

10 REP. SABATINA: Will there be any  
11 physical or psychological capacity requirements?

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: No.

13 REP. SABATINA: No? Okay.

14 SECRETARY AICHELE: The election  
15 workers are -- are selected by a popular vote in  
16 their precincts.

17 REP. SABATINA: Right. Some -- some in  
18 the Philadelphia area are appointed. There was a  
19 recent article that is --

20 SECRETARY AICHELE: They were?

21 REP. SABATINA: Yeah. That's correct.  
22 There's a recent article in the -- in the  
23 Philadelphia Inquirer as to how increasingly  
24 difficult it is to get poll workers who work on  
25 the -- who work 14 hours a day and get paid less



1 than minimum wage.

2 And there's a recent article that has  
3 some people were applying for two jobs, and it was  
4 actually called double dipping. They were getting  
5 paid for two jobs instead of one because one of  
6 their, I guess, coworkers did not show up or have  
7 not shown up on a repeated basis.

8 My question in that regard is -- is  
9 some of these people have been doing it, some of  
10 these people are seniors. You know, in the event  
11 their mental capacity slips or -- or their eye sight  
12 goes on them, how -- I foresee a problem here with  
13 the person carding the voters if they're not  
14 physically or mentally able to make that judgment.  
15 And -- but -- and there doesn't seem to be a  
16 safeguard in place for that.

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: There are -- in our  
18 polling places there are usually five election  
19 workers, a judge of election, majority, minority.  
20 It would be my hope that -- that one of the election  
21 workers would be in charge of checking the cards.

22 But you bring up an issue that could be  
23 a problem.

24 REP. SABATINA: Thank you, Madam  
25 Secretary.

1                   CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
2 representative. It's now time to bring the House  
3 Chair to the standing committee that corresponds  
4 with the department that we are -- that's before us  
5 today for testifying.

6                   It's my pleasure to introduce the  
7 Republican Chair of the State Government Committee,  
8 Representative Daryl Metcalfe of But -- Butler  
9 County.

10                   I'd also like to acknowledge the  
11 presence of Representative Sue Helm who has joined  
12 us.

13                   Chairman Metcalfe.

14                   REP. METCALFE: Good morning, Chairman  
15 Adolph, Markosek, and committee members. It's good  
16 to -- good to be with you all.

17                   Good morning, Madam Secretary.

18                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Good morning.

19                   REP. METCALFE: Some questions related  
20 to the State Athletic Commission.

21                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

22                   REP. METCALFE: Related to their  
23 revenue. And if you don't have the answers now, if  
24 your staff could follow up and provide those answers  
25 to me and the committee in the -- sometime in the

1 near future, because I know I didn't want to put you  
2 on the spot, but I do have a few questions and I  
3 thought today would be an opportune time to throw  
4 those at you.

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: Okay.

6 REP. METCALFE: The -- and they mostly  
7 related to the revenue. How much revenue the State  
8 Athletic Commission generated last year? And does  
9 the commission have a surplus or are they allowed to  
10 operate with a surplus?

11 SECRETARY AICHELE: It does have a  
12 surplus, and it seems to be a growing surplus. The  
13 State Athletic Commission is making money.

14 It's generally -- it keeps its costs  
15 right around \$500,000, but with the popularity of  
16 mixed martial arts --

17 REP. METCALFE: Right.

18 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- we are seeing  
19 more activity. And the expectation is that the --  
20 the fund balance for the -- for that committee will  
21 increase over the next five years, if all -- if it  
22 continues to grow at the same rate.

23 We were not anticipating this kind of  
24 popularity for -- for boxing, professional  
25 wrestling, and mixed martial arts. It's mostly

1 mixed -- mixed martial arts.

2 REP. METCALFE: How are -- how are  
3 those reserves being utilized? Is there provisions  
4 currently within the law to transfer some of that to  
5 the General Fund or is it just sitting in that  
6 reserve and building up?

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: It's my  
8 understanding, when I looked at the numbers, it's  
9 building up. And we're talking a -- probably a fund  
10 balance probably of about 600,000. So it's not a  
11 huge fund balance, but --

12 REP. METCALFE: Right.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: But it's  
14 certainly --

15 REP. METCALFE: Enough to cover their  
16 operations for the next year at least without any  
17 additional income coming in.

18 SECRETARY AICHELE: Because they  
19 usually run on -- it's 509, is what the budget  
20 number is, and it seems to be that every year.

21 REP. METCALFE: Thank you, Madam  
22 Secretary. I appreciate -- I appreciate your time.  
23 And the MMA is what drove my interest in looking  
24 into it, because we've been talking with the  
25 commission and with your department about the

1 regulations related to MMA and as we've asked some  
2 of those question some of the information coming out  
3 about the revenues, you know, potentially, fines  
4 or -- or revenues being generated and -- and what  
5 was occurring with those beyond the operation of  
6 the -- of the commission.

7 So we appreciate the information and  
8 look forward to working with you in the future.  
9 Have a great day.

10 SECRETARY AICHELE: And yesterday, as  
11 you know, the commission met and approved changes to  
12 --

13 REP. METCALFE: Right.

14 SECRETARY AICHELE: Or approved changes  
15 that now will be requested through the ERC process.

16 REP. METCALFE: And we -- we -- I  
17 particularly appreciate your Department's  
18 involvement in helping us to move forward with that  
19 and -- and working with the Athletic Commission.

20 So thank you for -- for your efforts,  
21 your department's efforts in helping us to -- to  
22 move those regulations in the right direction to  
23 hopefully help us move forward in Pennsylvania.

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you.

25 REP. METCALFE: Thanks. Have a good

1 day.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you, Chairman  
4 Metcalfe.

5 The next question or comment will be by  
6 the Democratic Chair of the State Government  
7 Committee, Representative Babette Josephs of  
8 Philadelphia.

9 REP. JOSEPHS: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman. I will make a comment, and then I  
11 have a question.

12 I'm a senior citizen. I do not drive.  
13 I pay for my driver's license. I can't figure how  
14 you're going to know whether I have a passport or  
15 whether my passport is expired or not.

16 I can tell you, I'm going to get my  
17 nondriver's photo ID thing for free, and I'm going  
18 to tell all of my constituents, many of whom are in  
19 my situation, they do not drive.

20 Why should they pay for this? I go to  
21 a meeting of senior citizens, they asked me about  
22 this bill. Everybody asks me about this. It's very  
23 unpopular.

24 And people say to me -- I ask them, how  
25 many of you have driver's licenses? Everybody's

1 hand goes up. I say how many of you have unexpired  
2 up-to-date driver's licenses? They all put their  
3 hands down. That's my comment.

4 My question, I went over to file my  
5 petitions this year and, very impressive, I counted  
6 at least 29 new PCs with large screen monitors.  
7 Several have touch screen technology as well. I saw  
8 four scanners.

9 And I'm interested in how much the  
10 department paid for this technology. I'm not  
11 objecting to it. I want to know how much it cost.

12 I'd like to know if you're taking it  
13 out of the same fund that you're supposed -- you're  
14 going to be educating voters about ID and producing  
15 it for them.

16 And I also understand that three people  
17 were brought back from retirement to work on  
18 petition filing. I'm not objecting to that either.  
19 But for the last 20 years petition filing was done  
20 by personnel that was already in the office.

21 So how do you justify spending this  
22 money on department workers in the kind of budget we  
23 have where people, children, old people are being  
24 hurt?

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: Representative --

1                   REP. JOSEPHS: We'd appreciate that  
2 answer.

3                   SECRETARY AICHELE: Representative, in  
4 2008 there were 36 full-time employees in the Bureau  
5 of Elections. Now there are only 24.

6                   So we needed to ramp up for a period of  
7 time, particularly the few days before the petitions  
8 were due, and we were -- we were fortunate to be  
9 able to bring in some of our former employees who  
10 already knew how to process petitions, to come in  
11 and cover for that.

12                   The way the -- and I'm happy that so  
13 many people appreciated the -- the upgrade, because  
14 it used to be, as I understand it, ten individuals  
15 standing in the Bureau of Elections processing the  
16 petitions by hand, and I occasionally ran statewide  
17 and the fear of having to go in and file my  
18 petitions drove some of the -- some of the changes  
19 that took place.

20                   When you go in and file your petitions  
21 now, they're immediately scanned and they come elec  
22 -- up electronically on the -- on the machines.

23                   REP. JOSEPHS: Madam Secretary, we've  
24 all filed so we know that.

25                   SECRETARY AICHELE: All right.



1 REP. JOSEPHS: What did it cost?

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: I will get back to  
3 you with the numbers. The scanning machines we  
4 already had, and we are -- we are moving through a  
5 process of replacing monitors and we would have  
6 gotten these anyhow. We just put them in -- on line  
7 for this particular use.

8 Next year when you file or when --  
9 whenever you run, anyone filing petitions next year,  
10 the -- the scanning will take place real-time. They  
11 will go up on the website. So anyone who wants to  
12 access petitions will be able to do so immediately.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you. Thank  
14 you, Madam Secretary.

15 If you could get that cost to my -- my  
16 staff and as well as Chairman Markosek's, we would  
17 appreciate it.

18 Any other questions, Chairman?

19 REP. JOSEPHS: Yes, I do. I have a  
20 comment. The people who file don't have to show  
21 photo ID, do they? So you can run in this state  
22 without photo ID, but you can't vote.

23 My next comment is to you,  
24 Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Yeah. Sure.

1 REP. JOSEPHS: You moved up this  
2 meeting. I understand why you did that. There's a  
3 whole full day and all of that.

4 But we do have a right to know,  
5 understanding. I came in for an 11:30 meeting.

6 REP. MAHONEY: 11:00.

7 REP. JOSEPHS: 11:00. Sorry. Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: I apologize for  
10 that. But I -- I discussed that with the -- with  
11 the Democratic chair.

12 We've been -- we've been running behind  
13 and we have two hearings this afternoon that I  
14 believe will probably take longer than what was  
15 scheduled and the Veterans and Military Affairs  
16 Committee hearing finished sooner, and in discussion  
17 I decided to make that call.

18 REP. JOSEPHS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. And I  
20 apologize.

21 REP. JOSEPHS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. Representative  
23 Tom Killion.

24 REP. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
25 Just a comment to correct the record.

1                   In order to run for office, you have to  
2 file an affidavit, notarized affidavit, for your  
3 county seat. So you clearly need ID. Thank you.

4                   CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: It's always nice to  
5 correct the record.

6                   REP. JOSEPHS: I could correct the  
7 correction, but I won't.

8                   CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: You will not speak  
9 until spoken to in this committee, representative.

10                  REP. JOSEPHS: You're quite right.

11                  CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Representative Sam --  
12 Steve Samuelson on the second round.

13                  REP. SAMUELSON: Yes. Just a quick  
14 follow up on that question about the petitions that  
15 are now scanned and they're public documents. In  
16 the past, people could come in and look at the paper  
17 copies. Now people can come to the Department of  
18 State and look at the paper copies?

19                  SECRETARY AICHELE: They may.

20                  REP. SAMUELSON: The scanned copies?

21                  SECRETARY AICHELE: They may come and  
22 look at the paper copies. They may also look on  
23 their home computer. It will be available.

24                  REP. SAMUELSON: That's my question.  
25 Are there any privacy concerns about putting --

1 because obviously a petition includes hundreds and  
2 hundreds of signatures of individual people with  
3 their signature, their home address. I know that's  
4 a public document that people can drive to  
5 Harrisburg and see.

6 But if you put that out on the  
7 Internet, are people going to be less likely to sign  
8 petitions if they knew that their signature and  
9 their home address is going to be up there on the  
10 Internet?

11 SECRETARY AICHELE: It's public  
12 information.

13 REP. SAMUELSON: Public information  
14 that people can see at the Department of State, and  
15 I think you even have to sign that you actually are  
16 looking at the petitions. You have to sign like  
17 who -- you know, a -- a form that you are requesting  
18 to look at a petition.

19 But if it's out there on the Internet,  
20 that's a whole different -- has that policy decision  
21 already been -- already been made that -- that --  
22 that you're going to put all the petitions on the  
23 Internet?

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have not put --  
25 we did not put them up this time because we don't

1 have the technology. It's not at the point where we  
2 can do it.

3 And we can have our legal staff look at  
4 that.

5 REP. SAMUELSON: Right.

6 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have had  
7 requests for petitions, and I know there were --  
8 there were candidates who didn't want their address  
9 known. Because as a candidate --

10 REP. SAMUELSON: Right.

11 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- you put your  
12 address on the petition. And the legal team said it  
13 is public information --

14 REP. SAMUELSON: And --

15 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- through that.

16 REP. SAMUELSON: I realize that. I'm  
17 not talking about the candidates. I'm talking about  
18 the hundreds and hundreds and thousands of people  
19 who sign petitions. I don't know when they're  
20 signing petitions if they knew that their signature  
21 and their home address might be out there on the  
22 Internet. That might be a separate issue to  
23 consider the legal ramifications.

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: We have -- we have  
25 legal teams, and we'll get back to you on that.

1 REP. SAMUELSON: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you. On the  
3 second round, Representative Greg Vitali.

4 REP. VITALI: Thank you, Mr. --  
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 Could you give us an update on the --  
7 the program in your department with regard to  
8 posting campaign finance information on the  
9 Internet?

10 What's the turnaround time for posting  
11 that from the time the campaign expense report is  
12 filed to the time that it appears on the Internet?

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: If you are a  
14 candidate and you file electronically, it's  
15 real-time. Immediately it goes up.

16 If you file a paper report, it can take  
17 some time to be -- to show up on the Internet. It  
18 all has to be entered -- data entered, and we have  
19 contracted with data entry concerns to put this  
20 information online.

21 It would be my hope that the General  
22 Assembly would look at the issue of requiring  
23 electronic filing for campaign finance. The costs  
24 we were looking at last year was about a -- a little  
25 over a hundred thousand dollars to data entry -- do

1 data entry for the elections that took place last  
2 year.

3 And we still -- people are still filing  
4 with paper, and it -- it costs us money to enter the  
5 numbers.

6 REP. VITALI: And -- and what's the  
7 turnaround time for the paper filings to appear  
8 online?

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: I think we were  
10 running -- I can check this, but I think we were  
11 running about a week, maybe more.

12 REP. VITALI: Okay.

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: And at one point  
14 last year in the spring, when I was a new secretary,  
15 the funding for this activity was no longer  
16 available, and we just stopped doing it altogether.

17 We got an executive allocation from the  
18 Governor's office to -- to put -- data enter all the  
19 campaign finance reports.

20 REP. VITALI: Okay. Moving back to the  
21 voter ID for a second. You had -- you had mentioned  
22 that the -- you were not aware of any incidence of  
23 fraud relating to a misrepresentation of ID.

24 And we, in fact, did a search ourselves  
25 and found, you know, four instances in about 20

1 million acts of votings, which would indicate  
2 it's -- it's de minimis.

3           And you had also indicated that your  
4 staffing had gone down from 36 to 24 people in the  
5 Bureau of Elections. Now, as someone who's here to  
6 give advice on budget appropriations, do you think  
7 the million dollars that was -- that is proposed to  
8 be spent with regard to providing identifications  
9 could be better spent perhaps by giving your office  
10 more staffing? And do you think that might be a  
11 better use of those tax dollars, giving you more  
12 staffing as opposed to this voter ID program?

13           SECRETARY AICHELE: I'm very interested  
14 in -- in helping Pennsylvanians develop confidence  
15 in the voting process. I think what happened in the  
16 Bush/Gore race undermined the confidence all voters  
17 have in the outcomes of elections, and the federal  
18 government went forward with the Help America Vote  
19 Act.

20           I think it's still lingering. And we  
21 as -- as representatives of government, and  
22 certainly elected officials, can help make people  
23 believe --

24           REP. VITALI: Yeah.

25           SECRETARY AICHELE: -- help -- help





1 is --

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- would I rather  
3 have employees --

4 REP. VITALI: Is this a --

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- than voter  
6 confidence --

7 REP. VITALI: Is this a real problem --  
8 is this a real problem that -- that real tax dollars  
9 should be spent on or is this not a real problem?  
10 That's the question.

11 SECRETARY AICHELE: I think your  
12 question was would I rather have ten more employees  
13 or would I rather have the people in Pennsylvania  
14 have confidence in the voting system. I'd rather  
15 have --

16 REP. VITALI: Would you rather have --

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: -- the confidence  
18 in the voting system.

19 REP. VITALI: Would you -- would you  
20 rather have a million dollars spent on more  
21 personnel to administer the Bureau of Elections in a  
22 more efficient way or would you rather have a  
23 million dollars spent on voter ID would be my  
24 question?

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: We are -- we are

1 able to provide very fine services to the people  
2 using the -- the -- the Bureau of Elections.

3 So in my opinion using the money to  
4 help Pennsylvanians trust their election process is  
5 more important.

6 REP. VITALI: Okay. Obviously. I'll  
7 just -- thank you.

8 I'll just make a brief comment. I  
9 think -- I think this expenditure of money just  
10 feeds into the citizen -- the cynicism of the  
11 American voter, because I think that this, in fact,  
12 is not a problem, but rather an attempt to suppress  
13 the Democratic vote and using tax dollars to  
14 suppress the Democratic vote under the guise of --  
15 of restoring integrity when not -- when a problem  
16 does not exist just makes people more -- more  
17 cynical.

18 Just makes people think this is just a  
19 partisan battle between Democrats and Republicans  
20 using tax dollars to gain political advantage by the  
21 effort to reduce the voting of one subgroup of  
22 people, the poor, for example, who don't have this,  
23 who tend to vote Democratic.

24 This is a national campaign. It's --  
25 it's an ALEC-type model legislation. This is a

1 cynical attempt to suppress the Democratic vote.  
2 And I would hope that people who are really fair and  
3 balanced would -- would -- would describe it for  
4 what it is and instead -- instead of defending those  
5 who would misuse public funds this way. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you for your  
7 editorial comment.

8 The next question will be asked by  
9 Representative Mike O'Brien.

10 REP. O'BRIEN: Thank you,  
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 Let's assume that the voter ID bill is  
13 signed into law prior to the primary. How many  
14 folks do you anticipate will vote in the primary  
15 this year, in the Republican and Democratic  
16 primaries? Take a guess.

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: I don't -- I  
18 haven't got a wild -- a wild guess on this. There  
19 are eight million registered voters and in -- in my  
20 experience oftentimes -- this is a presidential, so  
21 it's -- usually it runs about 20, maybe 30 percent.

22 But that -- that really is based on no  
23 sound methodology. That is off-the-cuff.

24 REP. O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. So  
25 for conversation, let's just say a million people

1 vote in the primary for the sake of conversation.

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: It would be more  
3 than that.

4 REP. O'BRIEN: Okay.

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: Okay.

6 REP. O'BRIEN: Just for the sake of  
7 conversation. Okay. Now, is your department  
8 prepared to advise the electorate of the change in  
9 the laws for this primary?

10 SECRETARY AICHELE: We are planning a  
11 soft roll-out so --

12 REP. O'BRIEN: At what cost?

13 SECRETARY AICHELE: It -- it will be  
14 part of the instruction package for judges of  
15 elections and election workers.

16 REP. O'BRIEN: What about the  
17 electorate? Will they be informed?

18 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes. That will be  
19 part of the -- we will have advertisements. From  
20 that -- if the bill passes we will begin doing  
21 advertisements. Even if the bill doesn't pass,  
22 we're doing advertisements to encourage people to  
23 vote.

24 And if the bill passes, then photo ID  
25 will be a component of that advertising. If it

1 doesn't pass, then it will be just -- it will be an  
2 advertising program similar to the Ready Set Vote  
3 program that was funded by federal money in 2008.

4 REP. O'BRIEN: But there will be no  
5 direct contact of registered voters in the  
6 Commonwealth?

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: Oh, there will be.  
8 That will be part of the -- the -- the message.

9 REP. O'BRIEN: Will I receive a piece  
10 of mail that tells me that the law has changed and I  
11 need to come forth for voter ID?

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: I believe you  
13 will. I believe that's part of the -- part of the  
14 marketing program.

15 REP. O'BRIEN: Okay. Now, in  
16 the general election --

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: I can check. We'll  
18 make sure of that. But I'm -- I'm -- I remember  
19 hearing that.

20 REP. O'BRIEN: Now, in the general  
21 election what do we anticipate the turnout to be?

22 SECRETARY AICHELE: I would hope it's  
23 between eighty and a hundred percent.

24 REP. O'BRIEN: Realistically.

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: If we do a good job

1 marketing -- marketing the election and we do a good  
2 job in encouraging people to vote, we could probably  
3 get -- I hate to -- I think 80 percent is -- is --  
4 well, that would be -- I'll take that as my low  
5 number.

6 REP. O'BRIEN: Okay. I appreciate your  
7 optimism.

8 SECRETARY AICHELE: Once I had a  
9 precinct that came in with 87. Once.

10 REP. O'BRIEN: Okay. Will you now  
11 again go through the advertising campaign advising  
12 people in the change in the law?

13 Because we've now established that  
14 there will be a larger pool of voters in the general  
15 than the primary. So will you go through this  
16 process again?

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: This will be  
18 ongoing, representative, from the time we begin  
19 advertising whether it --

20 REP. O'BRIEN: I'm not as concerned  
21 about the advertising. Will I receive a second  
22 piece of mail sometime in October that advises me  
23 that I need to go to the polling place for the photo  
24 ID?

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: I would expect it

1 would be before that, and I don't know whether  
2 there's one piece of mail or two pieces of mail. We  
3 will have -- I -- we -- we have been negotiating  
4 with marketing teams.

5 REP. O'BRIEN: Would you --

6 SECRETARY AICHELE: And we can take  
7 your concerns to the marketing teams and -- and get  
8 answers for you with respect -- because the sooner  
9 people know that they need to get photo IDs the  
10 better chance we will have that they will get them.

11 REP. O'BRIEN: I think it's a  
12 reasonable assumption that if -- someone who is not  
13 going to vote at a primary election will pay little  
14 heed to election material that comes in the mail, be  
15 it from the Department of State or be it from  
16 various candidates.

17 I believe that as the voter turnout  
18 will be larger for November, that people will be  
19 more attentive to what comes through their door.

20 So certainly I would encourage the  
21 department as the right and moral thing to do two  
22 mailings.

23 Thank you, Madam Secretary.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: Representative, we



1 also will be doing television and radio ads. So --  
2 and newspaper ads. So we will hope to have media  
3 coverage.

4 REP. MARKOSEK: Thank you,  
5 representative.

6 The next question will be from  
7 Representative Matt Smith.

8 REP. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 And thank you, Madam Secretary, for  
10 your testimony today.

11 I just want to pick up a little bit on  
12 what Representative O'Brien was asking relative to  
13 the outreach. And I think whether you're for the  
14 bill or against the bill, you can, I think, agree,  
15 and everyone can assume, that this is a -- a  
16 fundamental change in the way Pennsylvanians will  
17 vote this year.

18 For better or worse, would you agree  
19 with that?

20 SECRETARY AICHELE: I do agree.

21 REP. SMITH: And I think you said that  
22 part of the outreach effort will be the Help America  
23 -- the HAVA funding that we get, the Help America  
24 Vote Act funding that we get for outreach efforts.  
25 Is that correct?

1 SECRETARY AICHELE: Correct.

2 REP. SMITH: And do you know the amount  
3 that will -- that Pennsylvania will receive in that  
4 HAVA funding this year?

5 SECRETARY AICHELE: Between 3 and \$4  
6 million. The amount that was spent in 2008 was, I  
7 think, 2.8 million.

8 REP. SMITH: Okay. So somewhere --

9 SECRETARY AICHELE: So it's --

10 REP. SMITH: -- between 3 and \$4  
11 million --

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: Right.

13 REP. SMITH: -- will be allocated to  
14 the educational outreach efforts?

15 SECRETARY AICHELE: Federal funding,  
16 yes.

17 REP. SMITH: And will there be a state  
18 component to that as well?

19 SECRETARY AICHELE: No.

20 REP. SMITH: Or will it just be federal  
21 funding --

22 SECRETARY AICHELE: Just federal  
23 funding.

24 REP. SMITH: -- used for the  
25 education?

1 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

2 REP. SMITH: Now, you had mentioned to  
3 Representative O'Brien in one -- in response to one  
4 of his questions there will be a soft roll-out in  
5 the primary.

6 Have we -- do you have any sense as to  
7 what the amount in terms of the cost out of that  
8 three or four million will be used in the soft  
9 roll-out in the primary?

10 SECRETARY AICHELE: I think the costs  
11 will be minimal. We will be working with election  
12 workers to gently remind voters -- and it's the  
13 smaller percentage of people who vote in primary  
14 elections -- letting them know that there -- there  
15 will be a requirement for photo ID -- if this bill  
16 passes -- in November.

17 But it will be mainly in conjunction --  
18 it will be mainly word of mouth at the polling  
19 place. And then whether we start the advertising  
20 for the required photo ID before or after the  
21 election depends on how we get the marketing piece  
22 together.

23 REP. SMITH: So the soft roll-out --  
24 excuse me. The soft roll-out of the primary will be  
25 word of mouth, people being told as they're voting?

1                   SECRETARY AICHELE: And there will be  
2 -- there will be directions that we will provide to  
3 our -- to all of our precincts -- and we have 9,200  
4 precincts in Pennsylvania -- what those requirements  
5 will be.

6                   REP. SMITH: Thank you.

7                   SECRETARY AICHELE: And it depends  
8 fundamentally on -- on people who are regular voters  
9 and people who work in the polling place.

10                  REP. SMITH: Sure. And I think we all  
11 can see that the primary turnout will be much lower  
12 than the general election turnout.

13                  So will those primary voters have any  
14 documentation that they will be given to take home  
15 as a reminder or will it just be simply word of  
16 mouth from the poll workers to the --

17                  SECRETARY AICHELE: We can provide this  
18 information online and --

19                  REP. SMITH: Okay.

20                  SECRETARY AICHELE: And they --

21                  REP. SMITH: But they won't be given  
22 anything as they're voting on April 24th?

23                  SECRETARY AICHELE: We have -- we have  
24 not prepared to print anything that we would  
25 distribute statewide.

1 REP. SMITH: Okay.

2 SECRETARY AICHELE: County election  
3 boards still have authority over the county  
4 elections.

5 REP. SMITH: And --and you also  
6 mentioned that as part of this effort I think it  
7 would be multimedia, so to speak. There would be  
8 direct mail. There would be radio and there would  
9 be TV as part of the outreach.

10 And I'm assuming all of that would take  
11 place from late April after the primary through  
12 early November when the general will occur.

13 Do you have a sense as to -- as to how  
14 that three to four million will be divided up  
15 between the direct mail, the radio, and the TV?

16 SECRETARY AICHELE: I do not. But we  
17 can get that for you. We are in the process of --  
18 of establishing a vendor for that. We will not --

19 REP. SMITH: Okay.

20 SECRETARY AICHELE: The Department of  
21 State will not be doing the marketing piece for  
22 this.

23 REP. SMITH: So --

24 SECRETARY AICHELE: We will contract  
25 for a professional marketing. Similar to the way it

1 was done in 2008 with Ready Set Vote.

2 REP. SMITH: And that will be put out  
3 for an RFP --

4 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

5 REP. SMITH: -- and through that whole  
6 process?

7 SECRETARY AICHELE: Yes.

8 REP. SMITH: I guess my concern is we  
9 have 3 to \$4 million total statewide in  
10 Pennsylvania -- I mean I -- I -- I'm from  
11 southwestern Pennsylvania, but it's my impression  
12 that a -- a television ad in the Philadelphia media  
13 market, for instance, for a week to really get any  
14 penetration or get anyone to notice it, you're  
15 talking, you know, at least a million dollars, maybe  
16 even a couple million dollars.

17 So my concern is that if we're dividing  
18 three -- let's say three-and-a-half million, to just  
19 take the number that you had mentioned in the  
20 middle, if we're dividing that three ways, you have  
21 a million for radio, a million for TV and a  
22 million -- million for mail, million for TV, and  
23 million for radio, I just -- I don't understand how  
24 we're going to get any penetration or saturation  
25 into the market to actually make sure that people

1 are informed of this.

2 I think a million dollars in direct  
3 mail in Pennsylvania may get you a piece of mail  
4 into every home.

5 So I -- I guess I'm just trying to  
6 figure out, you know, if we go forward with this new  
7 law how we're going to make sure people know about  
8 it? They're not getting any information that they  
9 may take home with them on April 24th. They may see  
10 one TV ad. They may not.

11 I guess that's my concern, how we're  
12 going -- we're going to do this. So --

13 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Representative, it's  
14 getting a lot of publicity right now and it's still  
15 not even law.

16 So I think -- I'm sure by the time that  
17 this law takes effect, I'm sure that residents of  
18 Pennsylvania will know what they have to do and what  
19 they don't have to do.

20 So if we can move on with the  
21 questions.

22 REP. SMITH: Sure. Just --

23 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay?

24 REP. SMITH: Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: And this would be --

1 REP. SMITH: Just one more.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Okay. One more  
3 question, please.

4 REP. SMITH: Will that -- do we have  
5 any idea as to the structure of the ads? Will there  
6 be a message from the Department of State, from the  
7 Governor, from someone in -- in Pennsylvania  
8 government as to the change, or how -- you know, how  
9 will that be done?

10 SECRETARY AICHELE: Our initial  
11 discussion would be that it would be about the  
12 voters of Pennsylvania, that we would not use the  
13 Governor or the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

14 This would be very similar to the Ready  
15 Set Vote program and I know I remember seeing ads in  
16 the Philadelphia area for Ready Set Vote. I  
17 remember seeing fliers, and I know they only spent  
18 \$2.8 million.

19 So I think -- apparently, you know,  
20 this is -- this is more than what was spent the last  
21 time. So I --

22 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: I understand that  
23 Gus, the Groundhog, is out of work now, so maybe --  
24 maybe he'll be back on the air waves.

25 SECRETARY AICHELE: We understand.



1                   CHAIRMAN ADOLPH:  So Representative  
2 Parker.

3                   REP. PARKER:  Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4                   And hello, Madam Secretary.  Madam  
5 Secretary, I want to go back to the multimedia  
6 campaign also, and one of the things you noted is  
7 that we're talking about direct mail, we're talking  
8 about television, along with radio, and that the  
9 Department will actually contract out the services.

10                   And particularly when I think of the  
11 Commonwealth an issue of diversity comes to mind, I  
12 know that there's specific media outlets that are  
13 targeted to a specific constituency, whether that be  
14 an issue of language so that -- ensuring that all of  
15 the advertising is -- is done in -- in Spanish or  
16 whatever other languages the Department has deemed  
17 necessary according to the census data that -- that  
18 you have on file for Pennsylvanians and -- and --  
19 and also particular areas where particular radio  
20 stations and newspapers are targeted and read by  
21 specific communities and programs are listened to by  
22 specific communities.

23                   And I only mention it for the record  
24 because it's extremely important.  And I was -- I  
25 was just watching something recently, and it was a

1 very popular show, and it said that this show had 15  
2 million viewers or listeners, you know, on this  
3 particular show that's recently been getting a lot  
4 of attention. And I thought to myself, wow, it's  
5 very popular.

6 But I know 15 million people who I may  
7 interact with and communicate with via policy,  
8 they're not listening to that show.

9 So, please, whomever we're contracting  
10 out with, when you go through the RFP process,  
11 please, make sure diversity and media outlets are  
12 target -- targeting various constituencies as a  
13 major part of what you do so we can ensure that all  
14 Pennsylvanians are informed. Whether or not you  
15 agree or disagree with this bill, we should do  
16 whatever we can to make sure people are informed.

17 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you. I will  
18 do that.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: Thank you,  
20 representative.

21 Madam Secretary, that's the last  
22 question for the hearing, and I want to thank you  
23 for your straightforwardness in -- in your approach  
24 to these questions.

25 Looking forward to working with you

1 over the next several months regarding the budget  
2 issue; and if and when that bill gets passed, if you  
3 have any budgetary concerns, you know, feel --

4 SECRETARY AICHELE: I'll call you.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOLPH: -- feel free to  
6 contact us.

7 For the members' information, the --  
8 the hearing for the Department of Public Welfare  
9 will go back to its original schedule at 1:30.

10 So we'll be back here at 1:30 for the  
11 Department of Public Welfare. Thank you.

12 SECRETARY AICHELE: Thank you.

13 (The proceedings were adjourned at  
14 11:48 p.m.)

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