

## HB 54/SB 139

### Election Expense Reimbursement Committee

- When an election has state/federal AND local offices, the state reimburses counties for 50 percent of the costs of conducting the election.
- The law that says what is and isn't reimbursable was written years ago when we still used lever-style voting machines, so it is out-of-step with the way elections are conducted today.
- Legitimate election expenses that are not reimbursable under current law include:
  - Storing voting machines
  - Transporting voting machines
  - Publishing voter lists in the local newspaper
  - Fees to rent polling places and parking
  - Cell phones for chief inspectors
- Rather than create in the law a new list that could grow outdated again, this bill creates a committee to determine what is and isn't reimbursable
  - 8 members – 6 legislators plus secretary of state and finance director