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Dear Representative Oliva and Senator Bradley,

Regarding the Legislative Budget Commission's (LBC) meeting scheduled today, July 19, 2018, where it will consider a request by the Department of State (DOS) to increase its budget authority to allow it to distribute 2018 HAVA Election Security Funds, the League of Women Voters of Florida respectfully request the LBC approve the request with the following amendments.

1. Extend the spending deadline provided to counties to December 7, 2018 and the final reporting deadline to December 28, 2018. These extended dates would allow counties to conduct post-election audit pilots, should counties wish to do so. Post-election audits are a key security enhancement in Congress's intended use of the funds. This additional month would allow counties to conduct pilots and gather data vital to Florida's consideration of highly effective post-election audits in 2019 and beyond.
2. Ensure the portion of these funds earmarked for use by the counties remain earmarked for use by the counties, regardless of whether it is returned to DOS prior to subsequent allocation. This relieves counties of the pressure to "use it or lose it" and allows them to be more judicious and thoughtful about putting these vital funds to the best use.
3. Ensure that the DOS is held to similar standards as the counties for its use of these funds, per the terms of its Memorandum of Agreement, MOA #2018-2019-001, with minor adjustments necessary to apply those standards to DOS itself. This transparency is a key component of voter confidence and the election security that rises from it.

We respectfully submit that these amendments will better serve both Florida and the Congressional intent for the use of these funds.

Sincerely,

Patricia Brigham  
President, League of Women Voters of Florida