Short Title:	SEIMS Election System Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives J. Harrell, Goforth (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, McLawhorn, Pierce, Wainwright, and E. Warren.	
Referred to:	Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Appropriations.	

April 2, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
3 TO REBUILD THE STATE ELECTIONS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
4 SYSTEM (SEIMS).
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the Election Fund under
7 G.S. 163-82.28 to the State Board of Elections the sum of one million five hundred
8 thousand dollars ($1,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred
9 thousand dollars ($500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to rebuild the State Elections
10 Information Management System (SEIMS). Implemented in 1999, SEIMS now needs to
11 be rebuilt. Recent federal and State law changes make requirements that were not
12 considered during initial system design. A convenient and cost savings method is to
13 phase out sections of SEIMS software with "off-the-shelf" software where practicable
14 and fiscally responsible. These would provide project management tools for the county
15 boards of elections, enhance election night reporting, and provide voting information to
16 the North Carolina electorate.
17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.