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MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Coordinating Council
From: Tom Day, Director LAS
Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk House of Representatives
John Langer, Director Technical Services
Date: July 7, 2025
RE: House Voting Board and Consoles

This memo outlines the background, project scope and costs for the replacement of the current voting button panels and control system in the House Chamber.

Background

The current voting consoles at member desks and the associated control system were installed by International Roll Call (IRC) in 2008. Software and display boards installed at the same time have been recently upgraded but the voting consoles, cabling and control equipment are original equipment. In the last several years, there have been issues and failures that indicate the equipment has become outdated and should be replaced to ensure the reliability and stability of the system. The new system reduces the footprint of the technology and simplifies the troubleshooting and replacement process should future issues arise.

The current voting button panel and control system does not facilitate audio. Ensuring that members can hear the proceedings is critical. The lack of integrated audio capabilities in the current system has resulted in the use of ancillary equipment that does not provide the best experience.

Project Scope

The existing voting system control equipment will be replaced with the new VSCU-1000 system. New member voting consoles with the addition of a headphone jack and volume control will be installed. The new panels are customized for the Kansas chamber and will fit in the existing enclosures on member desks.

The current 15 Conductor cabling to member desks will be removed and replaced with three Cat 6 cables. The new cables will be placed in existing conduits under the floor of the House chamber. DL Smith is the vendor for the cabling replacement. This is the same contractor that installed the original cabling in 2008.

Project Cost and Timeline

The total cost for the project is \$494,408. Of this amount, \$263,732 is for the voting control equipment and member consoles and \$230,676 is the cost to remove and install cable.

IRC will be onsite at the beginning of the project to remove the existing control system and meet with the cabling vendor. Manufacturing of the voting consoles will then take place while the cabling is being pulled. This is anticipated to begin in August and last 9-11 weeks. IRC will then be able to begin installation of the voting system equipment with a proposed completion date in November. This will allow time for complete testing of the system prior to the beginning of the 2026 session.