

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB94

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Howell

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Replacement absentee ballots for certain disabled or ill voters.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Enrolled SB94 provides that a voter who has applied for an absentee ballot because of physical disability or illness, and who has been mailed an absentee ballot, but has not received or has lost the ballot, may obtain a replacement ballot by designating a representative to pick up and return the ballot for him and by completing required forms to obtain the replacement. The representative must be 18 or older and cannot be an elected official, candidate or close affiliate of an official or candidate. Section 24.2 -708 now allows voters who can appear in person to obtain and vote using a replacement absentee ballot.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** None. The State Board of Elections will issue a form for use at the local level.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Local boards of election and general registrars

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** Senate amendments clarify the procedures regarding when ballots can be picked up and how and when they must be returned. The enrolled SB113 is identical to HB66, which has been approved by the Governor.

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