

Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB122

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

2. **Patron** O'Brien

3. **Committee** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title** Elections; local electoral boards, general registrars, and their employees.

5.Summary/Purpose: Provides civil service status for the staffs of electoral boards and general registrars and revises provisions to recognize the status of employees of the boards and general registrars.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not known and currently limited to localities

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicated that this bill could have a fiscal impact on general registrars, electoral boards and their respective staff members, as well as on localities. The proposal would create a new classification of staff member in the office of the general registrar: the deputy registrar and adds definitions for the new position and redefines the current positions of general registrar and assistant registrar.

The proposal makes a number of changes in electoral board and registrar duties and responsibilities. It has potential fiscal impact on localities, since it may increase the number of employees that localities must provide salaries and benefits for registrar and electoral board staff. These staff expenses are not currently reimbursed by the Commonwealth, however, according to the SBE, the language of the proposal might increase the likelihood of some staff qualifying for state assistance in the future.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards and general registrars.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** No

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