

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB798

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

2. Patron: Englin

3. Committee: Reported from Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Absentee ballot applications and procedures.**

5. Summary: Absentee ballot applications and procedures. Provides that voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act who reside or are stationed outside the continental borders of the United States may receive their blank absentee ballots by electronic transmission. Present law requires these voters to receive absentee ballots by electronic transmission. This bill allows the voter to request the ballot to be mailed overseas. The voted ballots will have to be returned by mail.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are minimal.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill amends current legislation to require a mailed ballot, if one is requested. The cost of additional overseas postage will have a fiscal impact on the State Board of Elections, but should impact the agency minimally, since the mailing of ballots and materials is presently a service to voters.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration