

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB292

House of Origin	<u> </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> X </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Passed by both Houses

4. Title: Elections; recounts; random audits of optical scan tabulators.

5. Summary: Authorizes the State Board of Elections to provide for pilot programs to audit optical scan tabulators in localities that choose to participate with respect to an election in which the margin between the top two candidates for each office on the ballot exceeds ten percent. The audit will take place only after results of the election have been certified and the time to initiate a recount has expired. The audit may be used to test the accuracy of the tabulators and to evaluate the costs of, and procedures for, audits.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Fiscal impact of this bill would rest on local counties and cities responsible for conducting the audits and recounts. Local impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local electoral boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration