

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1621

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

2. Patron: Dance

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Absentee voting; qualified voters may vote absentee for any reason.**

5. Summary: Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee for any reason. The bill eliminates the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot. Several special provisions concerning military and overseas absentee voters and disabled voters are consolidated in two new provisions.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009		
2010	(\$18,000)	General
2011	(\$18,000)	General
2012	(\$18,000)	General
2013	(\$18,000)	General
2014	(\$18,000)	General
2015	(\$18,000)	General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, this savings strategy is included in the Governor's 2009 Introduced Budget Bill, Item 90.5.

8. Fiscal Implications: On-going savings to the state results from costs associated with designing, printing, and distributing absentee voting applications.

Local governments may incur indeterminate costs or savings. There may be increased demand for local governments to print and mail additional absentee ballots, but the number of election day ballots needed would decrease. Demand for increased local staff may be necessary prior to election. Fewer voting machines needed could produce cost savings on election day.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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