

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1771

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pollard

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; vacancies in constitutional offices.

**5. Summary:** Provides that the special election to fill a vacancy in a constitutional office (clerk of the circuit court, attorney for the Commonwealth, sheriff, commissioner of the revenue, and treasurer) in localities with a population of 15,000 or less, or shared by two or more units of government with a combined population of 15,000 or less, shall be scheduled to be held at the next November general election rather than on a more promptly scheduled special election date.

**6. Fiscal impact is indeterminate.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

Savings will result to the State Board of Elections by removing the requirement for special elections to fill vacancies, but the dollar amount is indeterminate because the number of vacancies that would not require a special election cannot be anticipated. There is no additional cost to the agency to hold special elections on the same day as November general elections.

The State Board of Elections incurs additional costs at any time elections are held other than at the time that November general elections are held. Agency costs include computer support expenses, production and shipment of pollbook and pollbook instructions and voting forms, envelopes and instructions. Staff overtime pay may also be an expense on the day of a special election.

Local governments with populations of less than 15,000 will save costs in processing applications, funding staff time, transporting voting equipment, and producing publicity for special elections.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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