

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1877

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

2. **Patron:** Cosgrove

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Absentee voting; firefighters and other first responders are entitled thereto.

5. **Summary:** Provides that law-enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders are entitled to vote absentee and requires prompt service on absentee ballot applications backed up by jurisdiction in the circuit courts to order compliance with the statutory requirements.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

6a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009		
2010	\$10,450	General
2011	\$0	
2012	\$0	
2013	\$0	
2014	\$0	
2015	\$0	

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 89.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Modifications to the existing statewide voter registration system are necessary for each new absentee reason code. Staff time to develop the applications and adjust the system to analyze the new reasons would be extensive. While the State Board of Elections contracts with a company to maintain and comply the voter registration system with updated law, costs associated with updates are not budgeted.

Approximate costs to add absentee reasons:

System design and business rules definition	\$5,000
10 hours application development time @ \$85 hour	\$850
10 hours database development time @\$120 hour	\$1,200
40 hours of report writing time @ \$85 hour	\$3,400
Application development total	\$10,450

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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