

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1894

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

**2. Patron:** Dance

**3. Committee:** Pending

**4. Title:** Elections; absentee voting.

**5. Summary:** Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

**6. No fiscal impact.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** While there is no fiscal impact to the state, local governments may incur indeterminate costs or savings. Local governments may incur costs to pay election officers to staff additional satellite locations for early voting. Other local costs may include additional telecommunication line installations, site rental fees, and transportation fees to transport voting equipment to and from early voting locations. Fewer voting machines needed, however, 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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cc: Secretary of Administration