

**Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB2496

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

2. Patron: Alexander

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; early voting pilot projects.

5. Summary: Authorizes the State Board of Elections to establish early voting pilot projects for general elections in 2010 and 2011 in counties or cities choosing to participate. Provides that any registered voter may vote in person from 17 to three days before the election at specified times and at the sites provided in the locality. The provisions for absentee voting remain in effect except that the provisions for in-person absentee voting are superseded by the early voting process during the early voting period.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: While there are no increased costs 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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