

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB220

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Polling places; campaigning activities.

5. Summary: Clarifies that the exemption allowing a voter to enter a polling place wearing a shirt, hat, or other apparel on which a candidate's name or a political slogan appears does not apply to candidates, representatives of candidates, or any other person who enters the polling place for a purpose other than voting. Local electoral boards are provided the flexibility in the designation of the 40-foot prohibited area if an entrance to the building is from an adjoining building, or if establishing the prohibited area outside the polling place would hinder or delay a qualified voter from entering or leaving the building.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: The enactment of this bill may result in State Board of Election's increased exposure to risk of litigation arising out of claims of violating constitutional rights of candidates, political parties and individual voters.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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