

**Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1507

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Primary schedule in 2011; moves primary date to August 23 in anticipation of redistricting.

5. Summary: Moves the June 14, 2011, primary date to August 23, 2011, in anticipation of the 2011 redistricting process and adjusts various deadlines for filings and election preparations to accommodate the new primary date. The bill declares that an emergency exists and that the bill is effective upon passage.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Per the State Board of Elections (SBE), the passage of this bill will result in an extremely condensed calendar, potentially causing issues with ensuring that the ballots are ready prior to the date of election. If the currently proposed amendments are incorporated into this bill, SBE foresees a fiscal impact in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000. These expenditures are mainly associated with additional staffing costs, including overtime pay as well as some temporary workers for a very tight turnaround in proofing and preparing ballots following the primary filing deadline. This will also alleviate any concerns for overseas voters and will help ensure that overseas voters will be able to cast ballots in the primary.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/3/2011