

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB57

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Absentee voting; application can be processed five days after person registers to vote, exception.

5. Summary: Provides for an interval of at least five days after a person registers to vote before his absentee ballot application can be processed and includes an exception for military and overseas voters.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8

7. Fiscal Impact: See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: State Board of Elections (SBE) states that because of the amendments added the agency will incur some fiscal impact to implement the provisions of this bill. SBE indicates that federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds can be used to cover the cost. No budget amendment is needed as the funds can be appropriated administratively.

The Governor's introduced budget for the 2012-2014 biennium (House Bill 30) did not include any funding from the general fund to support this bill. The budget as originally approved by the House maintained this lack of funding, as did the budget recommendations made by the Senate Finance Committee. The newly introduced House Bill 1301, as passed by the House Appropriations Committee, also did not include any funding for this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: SBE and local registrar offices.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 3/19/2012