

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB613S1

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Candidate petitions for primaries and general elections.

5. Summary: Replaces the requirement that petition circulators be qualified to vote for or to register to vote for the office for which the petition is being circulated with the requirement that the circulator be age 18 or older.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: State Board of Elections (SBE) should be able to absorb costs.

8. Fiscal Implications: While SBE will need to redesign its candidate petition forms to reflect this change in law, the agency indicates that it should be able to absorb the costs associated with implementing the legislation. This may also result in fewer lawsuits against SBE and localities due to the uncertainty regarding the constitutionality of the current residency requirement contained in the Code, so this could reduce some legal fees.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: SBE, local governments

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 1/24/2012