

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB805

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

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; costs of primaries.

5. Summary: Provides that the state will reimburse the localities for the costs of primary elections as funded by the general appropriation act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 87

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2014	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2015	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2016	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2017	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2018	\$2,620,000	0	GF
2019	\$2,620,000	0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: The locality costs associated with administering the 2012 Presidential Primary were \$3,242,470. It is estimated that other non-Presidential statewide primaries would cost an estimated 80 percent of that total resulting in a fiscal impact of approximately \$2,600,000 annually. Temporary staffing for the State Board of Elections (SBE) to process the reimbursements would be an estimated additional \$20,000. If there was not a statewide primary in a given year, then the total costs could be reduced significantly, depending on how many localities were involved in primaries. SBE indicated that they are not able to absorb these costs out of its current budget.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Boards of Elections, 134 general registrars' offices, and local governments.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: n/a

11. Other Comments: none

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