

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB967

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

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Absentee ballot; eliminates requirement applicant provide reason cannot vote at polling place.

5. Summary: Eliminates certain additional information that a person applying for an absentee ballot must submit regarding the reason the applicant will be absent or cannot vote at his polling place on the day of the election, including (i) in the case of a person, or the spouse or dependent of a person, who is on active duty in the military, the person's or his spouse's rank, grade, or rate, and service identification number; (ii) in the case of a student, the address of his school; (iii) in the case of a person with a disability or who is ill or pregnant, the nature of the disability, illness, or pregnancy; (iv) in the case of a person confined awaiting trial, the address of the institution of confinement; (v) in the case of a person caring for an ill or disabled family member, the name of the ill or disabled family member and the nature of the disability or illness; (vi) in the case of a person with a religious obligation; his religion; (vii) in the case of a person who will be at work for 11 or more hours when the polls are open, the address of his place of work; and (viii) in the case of a person designated as a poll watcher, the name of the party chairman or candidate who designated him.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections indicates that this legislation will have no fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: The State Board of Elections indicates that there are technical concerns with the substitute.

11. Other Comments: n/a

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