

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1296

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Members of the United States Congress; filling vacancies.

5. Summary: Prohibits the Governor from issuing a writ of election if a vacancy occurs in the representation of the Commonwealth in the United States Senate or the House of Representatives within the 55 days prior to the general election at which the office is regularly scheduled to be filled. The bill provides that candidate who receives the highest number of votes at the general election shall be deemed also to have been elected for the unexpired term of office, and the results shall be certified and transmitted as such to the clerk of the United States Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections, House Bill 1296 would not have a state fiscal impact. This bill is not expected to generate any cost savings because the special election would run concurrent with the general election. The resulting change would be one less item on the ballot. This bill is also not expected to eliminate all special elections but only the special elections that are scheduled on the same day as a general election that are filling the same office.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration