

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1574

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

**2. Patron:** Pogge

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter registration; proof of citizenship.

**5. Summary:** Requires that a person registering to vote provide proof of United States citizenship in a form specified by the State Board of Elections.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 83.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$0	0.00	-
2016	\$153,222	0.00	GF
2017	\$0	0.00	-
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-
2021	\$0	0.00	-

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Complex systems for online registration and the central database would need to be changed; the voter registration application would need to be modified, translated and redistributed to designated voter registration agencies including the Department of Motor Vehicles. Instructions, the website and other guidance documents would need to be updated; voter education and outreach comparable to a constitutional amendment would also be needed.

The Department of Elections (ELECT) estimates these first year state level implementation costs at \$153,222 as follows: \$131,158, for voter education and outreach, \$6,500 to change the statewide voter registration database and online application, \$5,000 to modify the pollbook production processes to identify voters as either confirmed citizens or not in order to account for the federal versus state election law issues, \$4,250 for staff training, \$2,200 for forms revisions and translation, and \$4,114 for printing and distribution of new forms. The complexity of administering a two-tiered registration and voter eligibility system will increase demands on locality resources and dramatically increase the potential for errors in administering elections. This bill can be expected to result in significant ongoing litigation costs as Arizona, Florida and Kansas have experienced with efforts at implementation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles, and localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

c: Secretary of Administration