

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2056

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Election administration; lists of registered voters and persons who voted in certain elections.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Elections to provide lists of registered voters at a reasonable cost to any person requesting such lists for political or governmental purposes. Current law permits the provision of such lists only to specific persons or entities. The bill requires persons receiving such lists to sign a statement, subject to felony penalties for making false statements, that the list is government property and is to be used only for political or governmental purposes, and repeals a redundant section related to such statement. The bill also requires the local electoral boards to provide to the Department of Elections within 14 days after the election the list of persons who voted, including those who voted provisionally and were determined to be entitled to vote. Current law requires the list be submitted within 60 days. The bill also contains technical amendments to reflect the administrative reorganization of the Department of Elections that took effect July 1, 2014.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be determined at this time because the legislation requires the price for providing the lists of registered voters to be determined by the Department of Elections (ELECT). As a factor in determining the reasonable cost for lists of registered voters, House Bill 2056 requires ELECT to include the costs of the equipment and technology required to operate the systems used to produce the lists. It is also important to note that the cost for providing lists of registered voters depends on whether the request is for registered voters statewide or within a specific locality. The minimum amount charged by ELECT for a list of registered voters is \$33. However, if the agency receives a request for a list of registered voters statewide, the cost could exceed \$5,000. In fiscal year 2014, ELECT provided 410 lists of registered voters and collected \$114,889, which averaged out to \$280 per list.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections; electoral boards; and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration