

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2062

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: Sickles

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections administration; pre-election and post-election activities.

5. Summary: Makes technical amendments to certain pre-election and post-election activities, including voter registration, voting system requirements in polling places, and recounts, that reflect the administrative reorganization of the Department of Elections that took effect July 1, 2014. The bill also requires confirmation documents, instead of voter registration cards, to notify voters of changes in registration records and polling places and reassigns the duty of posting recount changes to the Department of Elections. The Department is also added to the list of entities that may advise a court during a recount. The bill also requires the governing body of a locality to provide for at least one ballot scanner machine for every 3,500 registered voters.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation should not have a material impact on the agency. Any additional costs can likely be absorbed by the agency. However, while the impact of a single bill may seem insignificant, the cumulative effect of added costs from other new requirements should be considered. Additional costs that may need to be absorbed by the agency may include updating instructions, guidance documents to include translation, if needed, changes to the voter registration system, changes to web materials, printing and distribution of forms, staff time for research of code sections and forms impacted by the legislation and possibly provide training to assure officers of election and voters are aware of any new requirements.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration