

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2062-E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" 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 each precinct having more than 4,000 registered voters shall be provided with not less than two scanners at a presidential election.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the proposed legislation should not have a material impact on the agency. 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. There may be savings for ELECT because the agency will no longer be required to provide general registrars with voter registration cards.

Although this bill is not expected to result in a fiscal impact at the state level, it is expected to have a fiscal impact for localities. The affected localities will likely be required to purchase additional equipment and pay for additional officers of election in order to meet the requirements of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration