

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2062-ER

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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, unless the governing body, in consultation with the general registrar and the electoral board, determines that a second scanner is not necessary at any such precinct on the basis of voter turnout and the average wait time for voters in previous presidential elections.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation should not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Elections. Additional costs that may be absorbed by the agency would include updating guidance documents, changes to web materials, 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 minimal savings for ELECT because the provisions of this legislation would no longer require ELECT 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 may result in a fiscal impact for localities. The affected localities may be required to purchase additional equipment 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: This legislation is similar to Senate Bill 1062 (Obenshain).

c: Secretary of Administration