

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2152-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: Futrell

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Write-in votes; duties of the electoral boards.

5. Summary: The legislation as amended by the House provides that when no person is elected to an office by write-in votes and the total number of write-in votes for that office is less than 95 percent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the most votes in the election district, the electoral board is not required to ascertain the total number of write-in votes cast for each person receiving write-in votes, but is required to ascertain the total number of write-in votes cast for that office in the locality. If an office in which the total number of write-in votes cast in the election district exceeds (i) the highest number of votes cast for any candidate whose name appears on the ballot or (ii) 95 percent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for that office, each electoral board in that election district is required to ascertain the total votes for each write-in candidate for the office within one week following the election.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections, this legislation is not expected to result in a state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The amendments approved by the House did not affect the fiscal impact for House Bill 2152. The introduced version of the legislation provided that when no person is elected to an office by write-in votes and the total number of write-in votes for that office is less than 99 percent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the most votes in the election district, the electoral board is not required to ascertain the total number of write-in votes cast for each person receiving write-in votes, but is required to ascertain the total number of write-in votes cast for that office in the locality. If an office in which the total number of write-in votes cast in the election district exceeds 99 percent of the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for that office, each

electoral board in that election district is required to ascertain the total votes for each write-in candidate for the office within one week following the election.

c: Secretary of Administration