

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB574-S1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** McEachin

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Officers of election; required training.

5. **Summary:** Requires all officers of election to receive training whenever a change is made to the election laws or regulations that alter the duties and conduct of the officers. The State Board of Elections is required to develop standardized training programs and provide standardized training materials for use by the electoral boards and general registrars in conducting the training for the officers of election. The State Board shall provide standardized training materials for such training and shall also offer on the Department of Elections website a training course for officers of election. The bill requires that such materials be reviewed every two years in the year immediately following a general election for federal office. Any electoral board and general registrar may require the officers of election to complete the online training course provided by the State Board. Each officer of election shall receive such training, or complete the online training course, at least once during the term for which he was appointed. The bill also requires the electoral boards to certify to the State Board that the officers of election have received the required training and the certification shall include the dates of each completed training. This bill incorporates SB772 (Ebbin).

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Elections (ELECT) may incur additional administrative costs to update materials used for training officers of election. The agency expects to absorb the costs associated with implementing the proposed legislation and will utilize its current staff to develop standardized training programs and provide a training course on the Department of Elections website for use by the electoral boards and general registrars.

As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. The agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills

likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time.

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 bill is similar to HB1030 (Sickles).