

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB191

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: Cole, J.G.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; counting military and overseas absentee ballots received after close of polls.

5. Summary: Provides that absentee ballots cast by military and overseas absentee voters that are (i) received after the close of the polls on any election day but before 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board meets to ascertain the results of the election and (ii) postmarked on or before the date of such election are to be counted if the voter is found entitled to vote. Under current law, such ballots cast by military and overseas absentee voters are counted in this manner regardless of the date of any postmark if the absentee ballot was requested on or before, but not sent by, the deadline for making absentee ballots available. The bill provides that a postmark includes any other official indicia of confirmation of mailing by the United States Postal Service or other postal or delivery service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar or identical to HB203 and SB455.

Date: 1/20/2020