

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB851

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: Simon

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices.

5. Summary: Authorizes the governing body of a county or city to establish by ordinance a system of public campaign financing for elected local offices. The bill specifies certain requirements for a system of public campaign financing established by a governing body, including the provision of a public election fund to be administered by the treasurer of the county or city. A system of public campaign financing established by a county or city is permitted to more stringently regulate the campaign finance activity of participating candidates and shall be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Board of Elections to ensure its conformity with state law and policy to the extent practicable.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill provides governing bodies of counties or cities the option to establish a system of public campaign financing for elected local offices. Participation of candidates for local elected offices in any local public campaign financing system would be voluntary and could be subject to more stringent campaign finance regulations that the participating local governing body may choose to adopt.

The bill requires the State Board of Elections to ensure the conformity with state law and policy of any such system established, to the extent practicable. Any impact on the Department of Elections is indeterminate and would depend on the regulation and oversight established by the State Board of Elections pursuant to the bill and the number of counties or cities that would choose to establish a system of local public campaign financing.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, the Department of Elections, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/16/2020