

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB455

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: Reeves

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Absentee voting; deadline for returning absentee ballot.

5. Summary: Provides that absentee ballots (i) returned to the general registrar after the closing of the polls on election day but before noon on the third day after the election and (ii) postmarked on or before the date of the election shall be counted if the voter is found entitled to vote. 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. The bill also retains current law providing that ballots cast by military and overseas absentee voters 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 that were requested on or before but not sent by the deadline for making absentee ballots available shall be counted if the voter is found entitled to vote regardless of the date of any postmark.

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, State Board of Elections, local general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/12/2020