

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB292

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Elections; recounts; random audits of optical scan tabulators.**

5. Summary: Provides for a random audit of optical scan tabulators after each election to take place within 24 hours after initial vote counts are completed and before the election results are certified. The State Board of Elections will establish procedures for the audits, hand counts, and evaluating discrepancies between hand counts and tabulator tallies. The bill also requires that recount officials select a random sample of at least five percent of the optical scan tabulators used in the election being recounted and that the paper ballots counted by those tabulators be recounted by hand. If the hand count detects machine errors, then the recount officials may designate additional machines to hand count.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are final:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	\$0		
2009	\$100,000		General
2010	\$0		
2011	\$0		
2012	\$0		
2013	\$0		
2014	\$0		

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 89, HB/SB 30

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections would be impacted by one-time expenditures associated with establishing procedures associated with this bill.

Expenses

Consult statisticians to procedures to establish procedures to be used in the random sampling audit	\$50,000
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Consult statisticians to procedures to establish procedures to be used in recount audit	\$50,000
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Greatest fiscal impact of this bill would rest on local counties and cities who are responsible for conducting the audits and recounts. Local impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local electoral boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration