

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB52

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

2. Patron: Whipple

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Voting equipment; wireless communications at polling places.**

5. Summary: Provides exceptions to the prohibition on wireless communications to or from voting devices at the polls on election day. First, wireless communications to transmit results from voting equipment by modem to the electoral board after the polls close is permitted. Second, electronic pollbooks may be used.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: State Board of Elections

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008			
2009			
2010	(\$118,169)		General
2011	(\$118,169)		General
2012	(\$118,169)		General
2013	(\$118,169)		General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications:

Wireless exception for transmitting results is not anticipated to produce immediate cost savings for the State Board of Elections. The above savings estimate is based on statewide use of electronic pollbooks. Savings would likely not be realized for the State Board of Elections prior to FY 2010 due to time necessary for statewide deployment of pollbooks.

State Board of Elections Cost Savings

Pollbook Printing Costs	\$	45,000
Shipping cost	\$	12,000
Pre-printed Paper Cost	\$	31,169
Voting Credit	\$	30,000
Total:	\$	118,169

The benefit in transmitting results via wireless communication would be immediate efficiency at the local level. This would be the case when a locality has purchased voting

equipment technology that allows them to transmit the results directly from the voting equipment located at the precinct to the registrar's office or another central location. Transmission via wireless technology would eliminate the need for land lines in the polling place area.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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