Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2307

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

2. **Patron:** Melvin

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** **Elections; early voting.**

5. **Summary:** Provides that any registered voter qualified to vote in the election may vote in person from 17 to three days before the election at specified times and at the sites provided in the locality. The provisions for absentee voting remain in effect except that the provisions for in-person absentee voting are superseded by the early voting process during the early voting period. The bill takes effect January 1, 2010.

6. **No fiscal impact.**

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal Implications:** While there are no increased costs to the state, local governments may incur indeterminate costs or savings. Local governments may incur costs to pay election officers to staff additional satellite locations for early voting. Other local costs may include additional telecommunication line installations, site rental fees, and transportation fees to transport voting equipment to and from early voting locations. Fewer voting machines needed, however, could produce cost savings on election day.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local governments, State Board of Elections

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None

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