

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB157

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Dance

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; qualified voters may vote absentee for any reason.

5. Summary: Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee for any reason. The bill eliminates the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot. Several special provisions concerning military and overseas absentee voters and disabled voters are consolidated in two new provisions.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate positive fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Adding multiple absentee voting reasons to the applications results in additional costs to the State Board of Elections, such as the reprinting and redistributing of the applications. Therefore, allowing qualified voters to vote absentee without a reason, removes the need for adding multiple absentee vote reasons thereby producing a marginal positive fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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