

**Department of Planning and Budget
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB158

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: Elections; qualified registered voter may vote early in any general, primary, or special election.

5. Summary: Provides that any registered voter qualified to vote in the election may vote in person from 14 to three days before the election, or eight to three days before a special election, in the office of the general registrar or secretary of the electoral board. The provisions for absentee voting remain in effect except that the provisions for in-person absentee voting are superseded by the early voting process during the early voting period.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, 2011.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no fiscal impact to State Board of Elections (SBE); however, there will be an indeterminate fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None

8. Fiscal Implications: While there is no quantifiable fiscal impact to SBE, local governments may incur indeterminate costs or savings, examples of which include costs to staff and service additional satellite locations for early voting, i.e. site rental fees, telecommunication line installations, 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.

The cost implications for DMV, however, are estimated at an expenditure of \$41,314 for each election held to provide additional security and staff at its locations where early voting would be held.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local governments, Department of Motor Vehicles

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None

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