

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB161

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 to provide a reason for not being able to vote on election day.**

5. Summary: Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, marginal 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. These include 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, local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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