

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB226

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:** Barker

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; emergencies; extension of polling hours.

**5. Summary:** Provides for a court-ordered extension of polling hours in emergency situations and situations that interfere with the ability of voters to travel to the polls. The bill provides that no extension shall exceed three hours and provides for notice by any petitioner for an extension to the other potential petitioners. The potential petitioners are the Secretary of the State Board of Elections and the state chairs of the political parties.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** There is no fiscal impact to State Board of Elections.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Extension of polling hours in emergency situations may minimally increase staff expenses at local polling places, but will cause no impact to SBE.

**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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