

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1021

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Englin

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); legislative sessions.

**5. Summary:** Provides for a referendum at the November 6, 2012, election to approve or reject an amendment authorizing the General Assembly to delay the reconvened session for a period of up to one week. The Constitution now provides that the reconvened session will be held on the sixth Wednesday after adjournment of a regular or special session. The proposed amendment would allow the General Assembly to postpone the reconvened session for a brief period; for example, to avoid convening on a religious holiday.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 87 HB 30

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

The first chart reflects the estimated costs if there is a single amendment.

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	0		General
2013	\$230,000		General

The second chart reflects the estimated costs if a second amendment is added:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	0		General
2013	\$310,000		General

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under the terms of § 30-19.9, the State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that the agency is required to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about the amendments. SBE estimates that the costs relating to one amendment will run approximately \$230,000. This amount consists of approximately \$175,000 in newspaper advertising costs, (using the same 11 newspapers in which the 2010 amendments ran), with \$55,000 allocated for printing costs of pamphlets and posters. SBE estimates that approximately \$80,000 in total costs would be incurred for each additional amendment. This estimate could vary depending on if the ultimate number of amendments require a substantial increase in advertising space.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** SBE

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** N/A