

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1021

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

2. Patron: Englin

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

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: See Item 8

7. Final Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8

7a. Expenditure Impact:

The first chart reflects the estimated one-time cost 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 one-time cost 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. Neither the House nor the Senate provided any funding for this amendment. SBE indicates that they cannot absorb this cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: SBE

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None