

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1047

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

**2. Patron:** Keam

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; hours polls are open.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes any county or city by ordinance to extend the hours polls are open for voting by one hour from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. rather than to 7:00 p.m.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**8. Fiscal Implications:** State Board of Elections (SBE) states this bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on SBE related to the staff time (and overtime) associated with the extension of the polling hours. Staff would need to be available to assist voters and registrars until the polls closed and election results were reported. SBE indicates that local election officials will incur additional costs associated with paying officers of election for the additional hour.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** SBE, local general registrar offices and court system

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**Date:** 1/30/2012