

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB36

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Primary elections; political party shall pay costs of primary

5. Summary: Provides that the political party shall pay the costs of the primary. The bill provides that the party must post bond in advance of the primary to cover those costs. Currently the costs of the primary are paid by the localities. The bill will take effect January 1, 2013.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None

8. Fiscal Implications: State of Elections (SBE) indicates that by requiring the parties to pay for primaries, this legislation has the potential to save localities hundreds of thousands of dollars each election cycle. Some additional administrative work from SBE and localities may be required to effectively establish and administer the reimbursement system, but the overall savings would make up for those increased costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: SBE and local general registrars.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 2/9/2012