

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB38

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Cole

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Absentee voting; duties of general registrar and electoral board.

**5. Summary:** Broadens the type of certification of mailing required when sending absentee ballot materials to include certification of expedited mailing or delivery by commercial delivery providers as well as the United States Postal Service.

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

**7. Final Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** State Board of Elections (SBE) will incur a one-time cost to update forms and guidance documents. There will also be a cost to localities depending on usage of the forms. In 2012, the total cost of sending an absentee ballot with a certificate of mailing was about \$1.75 per absentee voter mailing. SBE states that it will be able to absorb the cost of implementing this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections, local governments

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 3/9/2012