

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB669

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

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; absentee voting.

5. Summary: Provides that persons age 65 and older on the day of an election are entitled to vote absentee when an absentee ballot is requested.

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

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	0	0	General
2013	\$86,000	0	General
2014	\$6,000	0	General
2015	\$6,000	0	General
2016	\$6,000	0	General
2017	\$6,000	0	General
2018	\$6,000	0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that this bill would increase the number of voters eligible to vote absentee. The cost to SBE includes a onetime major change to the voter registration system estimated to cost \$80,000 and the printing of additional forms and instructions estimated to cost \$6,000 annually. In addition, SBE indicates that the mailing costs for localities will increase. The current cost to send an absentee ballot is \$1.75 per ballot.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: SBE and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 2/2/2012