

Department of Planning and Budget

2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB850

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

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Appointment, compensation, and offices of general registrars.

5. Summary: Provides that all general registrars shall serve on a full-time basis. The bill takes effect on enactment of an appropriation to effectuate its purposes.

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

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	0	0	
2013	\$141,106	0	General
2014	\$141,106	0	General
2015	\$141,106	0	General
2016	\$141,106	0	General
2017	\$141,106	0	General
2018	\$141,106	0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently 17 general registrars work a three day week for seven months of the year. Their salaries during these seven months are based at sixty percent of the salary paid to the lowest rate paid to localities that are authorized to work full-time (\$43,363). These registrars serve five days per week, five months of the year (August to December) and get paid at the full-time rate of \$43,363 during this time. The result is that these part-time registrars are compensated a total of \$33,245 and the lowest salaries full-time general registrars are compensated at the rate of \$43,363 a difference of \$10,118 for each of the 17 localities or a total of approximately \$172,006. The amount would be offset by funds that State Board of Elections (SBE) receives through an appropriation of approximately \$30,900 to approve requests for temporary full-time status for part-time registrars during busy periods of the year that they are not authorized to work full-time. If all registrars were to work full-time that \$30,900 would no longer be needed. SBE states that this would result in a total appropriation needed of \$141,106 each year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 1/30/2012