

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB9

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Voting procedures; voter identification requirements, provisional ballots.

5. Summary: Provides that a voter who is unable to present one of the enumerated forms of identification may sign a sworn statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be and then be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Present law allows such a voter to vote an official rather than provisional ballot after signing such statement.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that any fiscal impact can be absorbed with the current appropriation, including federal Help America Vote Act Dollars. This bill will require the State Board of Elections (SBE) to redesign the provisional ballot envelope to apply to voters who do not provide identification. Although the number of impacted voters is expected to be low, additional provisional envelopes may be needed to supply to the local election officials prior to an election. Election officials will need to be trained on the acceptable uses of the provisional envelope, some in voter outreach, including an organized informational campaign, and some in the changes made by SBE in order to inform voters of the change in law.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/29/2012