Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1341

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

2. Patron: Ware, R.L.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Presidential primaries; localities shall be reimbursed by State for all costs incurred.

5. Summary: Provides that localities shall be reimbursed by the state for all costs incurred in conducting the presidential primary.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 87

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

Fiscal Year	*Dollars*	*Positions*	*Fund*
2016	$3,500,000	0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: In 2012, the General Assembly appropriated $2,730,000 for locality costs for the presidential primary. The localities submitted requests for reimbursement of expenses related to the presidential primary in the amount of approximately $3,242,470, $542,470 less than the actual locality expenses, resulting in localities making up approximately 17 percent of the costs associated with administering the presidential primary.

A similar scenario ensued with the 2008 Presidential Primary. The General Assembly appropriated $2,280,000 for locality expenses associated with the presidential primary, and localities reported $3,190,784 in expenses, resulting in localities making up approximately 18 percent of the costs associated with administering the presidential primary.

An appropriation of $3,500,000 will likely cover all costs associated with the 2016 Presidential Primary, including costs incurred by the State Board of Elections, who is also typically compensated for expenses related to administering the presidential primary.

The State Board of Elections reports that they are unable to absorb the costs of administering the presidential primary.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections; 134 general registrars' offices.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

11. **Other Comments:** none

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