

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1394

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

2. Patron: Marshall, D.W.

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 for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 87

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2013 | 16,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2014 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2015 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2016 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2017 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2018 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |
| 2019 | 6,000 | 0 | GF |

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that this legislation would increase the number of voters eligible to vote absentee, resulting in a fiscal impact to the agency. It is estimated that the cost to SBE include a one-time change to the voter registration system (\$10,000) and printing additional forms (\$6,000).

In addition, the cost of processing the ballots at the local registrar's office would increase. Currently, the cost to send an absentee ballot is \$1.75 for mailed ballots plus the staff time needed to review ballot requests. Also, staff time requirements would increase due to processing in-person absentee voting. The impact to the local registrar's office is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local registrar's offices.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: n/a

11. Other Comments: none

Date: 1/11/13

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