

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB545

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

2. Patron: Filler-Corn, E.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Hours polls to be open.

5. Summary: Provides that polls shall close at 8:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. on the day of all elections.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) reports that the fiscal implications of this legislation will be minimal at the state level. The agency normally provides flex time or compensatory time to offset the number of hours that its staff members work on election day. The only additional expense expected by the agency is an additional \$140 on years of presidential elections for contractors that work the agency's call center. This amount represents the cost of paying seven contractors for an additional hour at a \$20 hourly rate. As standalone legislation, this amount can be absorbed by the agency within existing resources and does not require additional funding. SBE will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of "routine" bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible that additional resources will be required. If so, SBE will identify the costs at that time.

Localities may experience increased costs due to the additional hour that polls would be open as a result of this bill. Keeping polls open an extra hour could require extra compensation for local staff and officers of election. It could also necessitate the use of more split shifts for officers of election, which could require hiring additional officers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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