

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB129

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; absentee voting.

5. Summary: Provides that persons age 65 or 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 83 – Electoral Services.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	0.00	-
2015	\$10,700	0.00	GF
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$0	0.00	-
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the State Board of Elections (SBE), the proposed legislation is expected to increase the number of voters eligible to vote absentee. The cost to the SBE includes a change to the voter registration system (\$2,500), changes to forms, web materials, guidance documents (\$2,200), and for printing and distribution of new forms (\$6,000).

The total cost of processing the absentee 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. In addition, staff time would increase for processing in-person absentee voting.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Legislation is identical to SB16.

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