

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1301

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

2. Patron: Ware

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Electoral board members and general registrars; compensation and expenses.

5. Summary: Provides for reimbursement to the localities of the whole amount of compensation and expenses of electoral board members and general registrars, notwithstanding any provision of the general appropriation act to the contrary.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 84.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$0	0.00	-
2016	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF
2017	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF
2018	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF
2019	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF
2020	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF
2021	\$2,456,380	0.00	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: HB1301 would require the state to fully fund the state mandated minimum salary of the general registrars and electoral board members as provided in Item 83 of Chapter 3, 2014 Special Session I and all expenses and mileage for approximately 400 electoral board members and 133 general registrars.

According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), state funding in Chapter 3 currently reimburses general registrars at a rate of 70.96% of the mandated minimum salary and reimburses electoral board members at a rate of 82.13% of the mandated electoral board minimum salary. No additional state funds are provided to the Department to fund expenses and mileage for general registrars or electoral board members.

General registrars and electoral board members are also required to attend a multi-day training program. Currently, the general registrars and electoral boards are required to pay the cost of the required training program. ELECT estimates the annual cost of the training programs to be \$185,136. For purposes of estimating the mileage expenses for general registrars and electoral

board members, ELECT estimates the mileage at 400 miles per individual to be reimbursed annually. The following table itemizes the components of the \$2,456,380 annual estimate.

	State Impact:
Fully Fund General Registrar Minimum Salaries	\$ 1,958,182
Fully Fund Electoral Board Minimum Salaries	\$ 193,670
Annual Training - General Registrars	\$ 46,284
Annual Training - Electoral Boards	\$ 138,852
General Registrar Mileage @ \$0.56 per mile	\$ 29,792
Electoral Board Mileage @ \$0.56 per mile	\$ 89,600

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections; electoral boards; general registrars; and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

cc: Secretary of Administration

Date: January 21, 2015

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