

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2158

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

**2. Patron:** Sickles

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Special elections; quarterly schedule.

**5. Summary:** Provides for a quarterly schedule for special elections. Every special election is required to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in February, May, August, or November. The bill requires that (i) a vacancy occurring more than 55 days prior to the date of the next quarterly special election be filled at that next quarterly special election and (ii) a vacancy occurring within the 55 days prior to the date of the next quarterly special election be filled at the second quarterly special election following such vacancy. The bill also amends the deadlines for the quarterly special election dates that do not fall on the date of a May or November general election, by which independent candidates are required to file declarations of candidacy and petitions and political parties are required to nominate candidates. The bill exempts from the quarterly special election schedule and the deadlines for filing by candidates or for nominating candidates, those vacancies in the General Assembly that occur after the date of the November quarterly special election but before the second Wednesday in January and permits such vacancies to be filled at a special election held on any date, provided the date is a Tuesday and the writ otherwise complies with current law.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Elections, the proposed legislation would not result in a state fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Elections and localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

c: Secretary of Administration