

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB316-ER

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| <b>House of Origin</b> | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

**2. Patron:** Dance

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Contests of election for certain elections; service of process.

**5. Summary:** Requires that contestees in a contest of (i) a primary election for the United States House of Representatives, the General Assembly, or a local office or (ii) any election for a local office be served by the contestant with a copy of the complaint within 30 days following the date of the election in the case of a general election and within 10 days following the date of the election in the case of a primary or special election held on a date other than that of a general election.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final – See Item 8

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections (ELECT) considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. The agency 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 the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time. Therefore, this impact can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Additional costs that would be absorbed by the agency would include updating instructions and guidance documents to include translation, if needed, changes to the voter registration system, changes to web materials, printing and distribution of forms, additional support for staff to research Code sections and update forms impacted by the legislation, and training to assure officers of election and voters are aware of any new requirements.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

**11. Other Comments:** Companion to HB105 (O’Bannon).