

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB152

<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:** Edwards

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Assistants to general registrars; full-time status.

**5. Summary:** Clarifies that when determining the number of assistant registrars to serve in the office of the general registrar, the electoral board may decide which assistant registrars are to serve full-time. Currently, Russell County is required to have at least one full-time assistant registrar; counties and cities with populations exceeding 15,500 are required to have at least one part-time assistant registrar; and counties and cities with populations less than 15,500 are required to have at least one substitute registrar. The bill does not amend any of those mandates.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation clarifies that the electoral board of each locality, when deciding how many assistant registrars are to serve in the office of the general registrar, may also decide how many assistant registrars are to serve full-time. This determination does not create a state fiscal impact as the state provides funding only for the salaries of general registrars and electoral boards. Localities that opt for additional full-time assistant registrars will experience additional costs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All localities with electoral boards.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: January 22, 2018