Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB242

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

2. **Patron:** Sickles

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Absentee voting; emergency voting.

5. **Summary:** Provides a process by which a qualified voter is permitted to vote by absentee ballot when an emergency either prevented him from applying for an absentee ballot by the deadline or will prevent him from voting in person on election day. The bill also provides for the Commissioner of Elections to take administrative action to facilitate absentee voting by those persons providing emergency or other services in an area in which a state of emergency has been declared. The bill contains technical amendments that consolidate current Code sections regarding emergency absentee voting.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; no state fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/20/2020