

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB547

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Super precincts; pilot program.

5. Summary: Authorizes the State Board of Elections to conduct a pilot program under which one or more counties or cities, whose proposal for participation in such pilot program is unanimously approved by the State Board, would be permitted to use super precincts in the May general or June primary elections. The bill requires the governing body of a county or city applying to participate in the pilot program to submit a plan for participation that includes (i) the number of super precincts to be established in the county or city and the boundaries of such precincts and (ii) the location of vote centers to be established in each super precinct. The bill defines "super precinct" as the territory established by a county or city pursuant to the pilot program to be served by one or more vote centers and "vote center" as the structure that contains the one place provided for each super precinct at which the qualified voters who are residents of the super precinct may vote in a June primary election. The bill contains maximum criteria for any proposal for participation in the pilot program. The bill requires the State Board to report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program by August 15 of any year in which one or more localities participate in the pilot program. The bill has an expiration date of December 31, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: 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: Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, General Registrars, localities opting to participate in the pilot program

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/20/2020