

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject

Permit Absentee Voting For Any Reason

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.510

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There are no ascertainable long-range costs other than increased postage and administrative costs. These costs are borne by local government.

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1999 Senate Bill 42

Assumptions Used In Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This legislation eliminates the requirement that an elector wishing to cast an absentee ballot state a reason in the elector's written application. This may increase the number of absentee ballots cast on the theory that it removes a barrier to voting by having to state a reason. Currently, it is very easy to obtain an absentee ballot. The statutory reasons for requesting an absentee ballot encompass most viable options.

Elections Board statistics gathered from municipal clerks pursuant to S. 6.275 Stats., indicate that less than 5% of all votes statewide are cast by absentee ballot. This percentage varies by municipality. States with "no reason" absentee ballot provisions have a higher percentage of absentee ballots.

If the average number of absentee ballots doubles, municipal clerks would incur increased postage costs. There would also be increased resources devoted to processing absentee ballots in the clerk's office and at the polling place. It is fair to assume that some of the increased number of absentee ballots will be from voters who would not otherwise participate. This may also lead to more efforts to increase absentee voting by persons and organizations active in political campaigns.

The Elections Board staff focuses more energy on absentee voting in its training materials and presentations than any other subject. There are detailed record keeping requirements. The only state fiscal cost is the extensive revision to the agency's information and training materials.

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect DOA-2047 (R10/94)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. 1999 SB 42	Amendment No.
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Revise training materials, information manuals and publications **\$5,000.00**

II. Annualized Costs:

	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations – Salaries and Fringes	\$ none	\$ -none
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations – Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$ none	\$ - none
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues –	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ - none
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ none	\$ - none

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>vary by municipality</u>
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>none</u>

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