

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
04/15/2003

Amendment to: SB 2248

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

|                       | 2001-2003 Biennium |             | 2003-2005 Biennium |             | 2005-2007 Biennium |             |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                       | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| <b>Revenues</b>       | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |
| <b>Appropriations</b> | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         | \$0                | \$0         |

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

| 2001-2003 Biennium |        |                  | 2003-2005 Biennium |        |                  | 2005-2007 Biennium |        |                  |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts |
| \$0                | \$0    | \$0              | \$0                | \$0    | \$0              | \$0                | \$0    | \$0              |

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

The amendments approved by the conference committee do not change anything from that which was conveyed in the first fiscal note dated January 20, 2003.

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Traditionally, the expense of conducting elections has been and continues to be a county expense. However, the fiscal impact to the counties under this bill is unknown. It will vary and will depend on whether or not a county chooses to open an early voting precinct according to Section 5 of the bill, the number of days the precinct would be open, and the hours of voting. The fiscal impact of opening an early voting precinct, staffed by a paid election board, is also uncertain due to the potential savings that may be ultimately gained in printing/ordering fewer absentee applications and absentee ballot envelopes, along with reduced mailing costs associated with the increased interest in absentee voting during recent elections. This bill allows each county to make that decision for themselves.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

None

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

None, on the part of the state. See narrative for county impact.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

None

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