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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7089 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2020

BILL NUMBER: HB 1301 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Same Day Registration.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill permits a voter to register at the polls by completing a voter registration form and an affirmation that the individual has not voted elsewhere in the election and by providing proof of residence. It requires the ballot of a voter who registers at the polls to be treated as a provisional ballot.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Election Day Registration*- The Election Commission would be required to prescribe voter corroboration and affirmation forms as required under the bill. The Election Commission would be able to prescribe the forms as a routine matter of business. Typically, election form changes are handled by the Commission on Public Records and placed on their website if not in conjunction with the Election Division via the Secretary of State's website.

The Election Division would prescribe a standardized coding system to classify documents (for proof of residence) into the county voter registration system. The Division's computer vendor may be utilized to prescribe the coding system. The cost would depend on the needed changes and the current vendor's hourly rate.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Election Day Registration*- This provision may require additional administrative time for precinct election officers to process the additional paperwork that election day registration would generate. Counties with optical scan voting systems may need to have additional paper ballots on hand in order to meet any additional walk-up registration demand. All counties may need

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additional provisional ballots as well.

<u>Additional Information</u>— Precinct inspectors may earn on average \$140. Judges and Clerks may earn on average \$110 for their service on election day. Meal allowances average at \$15, and training attendance pays \$20 on average.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Election Commission; Election Division; Forms Division of the Commission on Public Records.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; circuit court clerks.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Precinct worker pay survey conducted during August and September 2018.

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