

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 458</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CCS</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Duncan/ Senator Branan</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Election Board: No Significant Impact</b>

**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Arnella Karges

The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for SB 458, adds a provision to the bill that the State Election Board Secretary may designate other elections, besides any state or federal election, that may have ballots transmitted electronically. SB 458 allows qualified voters, including military personnel and their spouses or dependents, to submit an electronic request for absentee ballots, as written applications are allowed, if they are located outside the United States and are voting from outside the U.S. The bill also allows county election boards to transmit ballot materials electronically to qualified absentee ballot requestors.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Terry McKenna

The Committee Substitute for ESB 458 relates to absentee ballots. The measure provides that the secretary of the county election board may transmit balloting materials to an electronic mail address if the voter is a federal postcard application registrant, is eligible to receive an absentee ballot, provides a current address that is located outside the United States and an electronic mail address, and requests that balloting materials be sent by electronic mail. The measure also provides that the secretary of the county election board shall determine if balloting materials for any election other than a state or federal election may be produced in a form which would allow them to be transmitted to an electronic mail address.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The State Election Board anticipates no significant fiscal impact in connection with this legislation. There could be a small cost in obtaining absentee ballots in electronic format from the ballot printer and transmitting them to the County Election Boards.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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