

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1779
Version:	FA2
Request Number:	11739
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Impact:	\$0 negative impact expected

Research Analysis

The amendment to SB 1779 makes an exception to certain statutory requirements related to absentee ballot affidavits for elections held in 2020 and creates alternative procedures. If a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the Governor is in effect 45 days prior to, or within, a scheduled election, a voter can request an absentee ballot and attach a photocopy of a form of identification to the affidavit, in lieu of having the affidavit notarized and his or her signature witnessed by two people. The measure also establishes an alternative process for the delivery of absentee ballot applications to residents of long-term care facilities and modifies the criteria to qualify as “physically incapacitated” for purposes of requesting an absentee ballot to include COVID-19-related health issues.

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Fiscal Analysis

The second floor amendment for SB 1779 replaces the language of the engrossed version of the bill with three sections covering sworn statements and absentee ballot submission procedures for elections held in 2020.

The language of the second floor amendment establishes alternate procedures, but does not add any additional duties to the State Election Board. Due to this analysis, the second floor amendment is not expected to have an impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.