

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1711
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Hill
Date:	2/16/2021
Impact:	Cost to SEB: approx. \$500,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1711 creates a new law to allow electronic delivery of ballots and balloting material to blind and visually impaired individuals. The individual will receive an accessible absentee voting packet either electronically or by mail. Individuals will be given the opportunity to use their own computer and equipment to fill out the ballot and then print it off. Voters will be required to fill out an affidavit and then return the ballot. The individual may request assistance in filling out their ballot. If an individual who is not blind or visually impaired requests an absentee ballot in this manner, it will be considered a felony.

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Fiscal Analysis

Officials from the State Election Board (SEB) anticipate the ability to implement the provisions of HB 1711, in its current form, by expanding a similar system currently in place for military and overseas voters. SEB estimates a cost of approximately \$500,000 to expand such system to include the voting population identified in HB 1711.

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Other Considerations

None.