

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB 1945</b>                                |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>Introduced</b>                             |
| <b>Request Number:</b> | <b>6913</b>                                   |
| <b>Author:</b>         | <b>Rep. Munson</b>                            |
| <b>Date:</b>           | <b>2/8/2021</b>                               |
| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>SEB one-time costs: less than \$10,000</b> |

**Research Analysis**

HB 1945 creates a process in which a voter filling out an absentee ballot application can designate which election the application is for including a single election, all elections in the calendar year, or all future elections the voter is eligible to vote in. This shall be valid unless canceled by the voter, the address is returned undelivered, the voter moves to a different nursing home or veterans center, if applicable, or a ballot is not returned in a twenty-four (24) month period. The measure also eliminates the option to apply for an absentee ballot by telegraph.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1945 in its current form creates a mechanism for voters to have a non-expiring absentee ballot request on file. Officials for the State Election Board (SEB) anticipate one-time costs of less than \$10,000 to implement the provisions of HB 1945. SEB identifies the following as components of such cost: redesign and reprinting of absentee ballot request forms, and reprogramming the election management system.

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**Other Considerations**

None.