

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2056
Version:	CS
Request Number:	7430
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Impact:	SEB Cost: \$10,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2056 provides that a voter who voluntarily cancels their voter registration will be eligible to submit a new voter registration application in the same county after at least 60 days have passed since the cancellation request. The CS also requires ballots for each election day precinct to be printed in advance. However, the Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to allow more ballots to be printed on election day in the case of shortage, emergency, or unforeseen circumstances. Nothing in this will prohibit the printing and marking of ballots as accommodations for blind or disabled individuals or those unable to read or write.

The CS also prohibits the use of vote centers on election day by either the State Election Board or any county election boards. An exception to this will be allowed in case of an emergency in which only individuals in affected precincts will be able to access the vote center. This does not prevent sub precincts and does not prevent assigning a precinct official more than one precinct.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2056 allows for anyone who has voluntarily canceled their voter registration to be able to reapply for a new voter registration after 60 days have passed. Per the State Election Board (SEB), this section of the measure would likely require some system programming, with an estimated cost of less than \$10,000.

This measure also provides that ballots be printed in advance for each election day precinct, and authorizes the Secretary of the State Election Board to allow more ballots to be printed on election day. Additionally, this measure prohibits the use of vote centers on election day except in case of emergency. The State Election Board already follows these procedures; therefore, these sections of the measure have no fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.