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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> 1/22/07		
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Youngberg	<b>LAST UPDATED</b> 1/29/07	<b>HB</b> 12/aHCPAC
	Requiring County Clerks to Provide Minimum		
<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	Number of Ballots to Precincts	<b>SB</b>	
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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$2.6	\$2.6	\$5.2	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Verbal Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment adds the word “active” to indicate that the county clerks distribute to each precinct a number of “active” ballots equal to the number of voters in each precinct less the estimated number of absentee voters in the precinct.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 12 requires county clerks to provide each precinct ballots equal to the number of voters in the precinct less the estimated number of absentee voters in the precinct by at least 10 days before any election. The county clerk will make available to the public a list of the number of ballots that the clerk will provide to each precinct.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Secretary of State’s Office this bill contemplates ballots for both active and inactive voters therefore printing costs will be significantly greater.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Current status of maintaining 105 percent of printed ballots for active voters minus number of absentee voters in each precinct.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

How many inactive voters?

What steps will be taken to remove inactive voters so that ballots are not printed unnecessarily?

What is the printing cost per ballot?

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