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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Small/Roch ORIGINAL DATE 2/13 /17  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 290

SHORT TITLE Online Absentee Ballot Requests SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 290 (HB290) proposes an amendment to Section 1-6-4 of the election code which would permit the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a process for accepting online absentee ballot applications.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) notes if HB290 is enacted, the SOS would need to modify its current online voter registration application in order to allow for a registered voter to request an absentee ballot. The SOS reports this information technology (IT) system change could be completed by SOS IT staff with no additional fiscal impact.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) notes it would be required to amend the administrative rule relating to absentee voting to conform to the proposed change in the bill, and would also need to work with county clerks to establish a uniform process for accepting and executing electronic absentee ballot applications.

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