

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.4**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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SUBJECT: Early Voting Procedures

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 4 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to establish early voting procedures. The Bill further defines the duties of the Executive Director of the State Election Commission and establishes procedures for absentee voting during the early voting period.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Election Commission estimates a total fiscal impact of \$807,020 to the State General Fund with the adoption of this Bill. The Commission estimates a recurring cost of \$307,020 for reimbursement to the counties for poll workers used in the early voting process for statewide elections. In addition, the Commission estimates \$500,000 in non-recurring costs for voter education and training for county election officials and workers.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

The amount provided in this impact does not include items that will be paid for by the counties. Counties have indicated to the State Election Commission that they will need \$366,000 for additional machines used for voters with disabilities required by the Help America Vote Act. Counties also indicated they will need additional laptops, I votronic machines, printers, telephones, scanners, air cards and other miscellaneous items. However, the amounts for these items are not determinable at this time.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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