

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.227**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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SUBJECT: Voter Registration

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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:  
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 227 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to require a person to submit proof of citizenship when registering to vote. The Bill also allows a driver's license or identification card issued by the SC Department of Motor Vehicles to be proof of citizenship.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

State Election Commission

The State Election Commission estimates a non-recurring cost to the General Fund of approximately \$700,000. Those costs are comprised of: voter education (\$500,000), voter registration system changes (\$100,000) and voter registration applications and training for counties (\$100,000).

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

DMV indicates that this Bill will have an impact on the agency of approximately \$230,000 in recurring costs associated with the increased copy costs, including paper and postage, for the documentation of proof of citizenship required by Section 7-5-320(E)(1). Since the DMV is totally funded by revenue, if the agency is not allowed to increase fees to cover these costs, a General Fund appropriation may be needed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed local governments to determine the fiscal impact of this Bill. Two counties reported there would be no fiscal impact.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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