



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: S. 0538  
 Author: Scott  
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary  
 Date: April 14, 2015  
 Subject: Absentee ballots  
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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	Minimal	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. This bill would have no expenditure impact on municipal governments and a minimal impact on county governments.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 7-15-420 by allowing the managers appointed and in the presence of any watchers to begin the examination of absentee ballots received by the county board of voter registration and election on the calendar day immediately preceding Election Day to ensure that ballots are properly signed and witnessed. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the calendar day immediately preceding Election Day, the absentee ballots may be tabulated, including any absentee ballots received on Election Day before the polls are closed.

The State Election Commission indicates that this bill would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

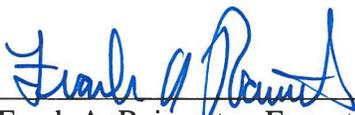
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**Local Expenditure**

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina and all forty-six county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. We received responses from the Municipal Association and seven county governments. The Municipal Association reports this bill will have no expenditure impact on municipal governments. Barnwell, Cherokee, Florence, Richland, Saluda, and Williamsburg Counties report this bill would have no expenditure impact on their county governments. Greenwood County reports this bill would have a minor impact on the County. Therefore, we estimate this bill would have a minimal expenditure impact on county governments.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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