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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0113 Introduced on January 12, 2021  
**Author:** Campsen  
**Subject:** Absentee Voting  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Miller  
**Impact Date:** March 17, 2021

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will result in a non-recurring increase of \$50,000 in General Fund expenditures for the State Election Commission to update the statewide voter registration system and the election management system.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 12, 2021**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill modifies absentee ballot voting. Currently, a person may vote absentee for one of eighteen reasons. Among other things, this bill, in Section 2, allows a person to vote absentee if that person's place of residence or polling place is located in an area subject to a state of emergency declaration with fewer than 46 days until the election. This bill takes effect upon approval of the Governor.

The State Election Commission (SEC) anticipates having to update the statewide voter registration system and the election management system to allow for potential absentee voting due to a state of emergency. SEC estimates this will have a non-recurring cost of \$50,000. Therefore, this bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$50,000 in FY 2021-22.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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