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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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| <b>Bill Number:</b>    | S. 0100                 | Introduced on January 10, 2017 |
| <b>Author:</b>         | Scott                   |                                |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | Early voting procedures |                                |
| <b>Requestor:</b>      | Senate Judiciary        |                                |
| <b>RFA Analyst(s):</b> | Kokolis and Heineman    |                                |
| <b>Impact Date:</b>    | April 14, 2017          |                                |

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2017-18</b> | <b>FY 2018-19</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$1,000,000       | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <b>State Revenue</b>             |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Expenditure</b>         | Pending           | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have an expenditure impact on the General Fund of \$1,000,000 in FY 2017-18. Nonrecurring Election Commission expenditures of \$500,000 in FY 2017-18 are needed for voter education, training election officials, revision of current policies, and to develop instructions and procedures for early voting. Recurring Election Commission expenditures of \$500,000 in FY 2017-18 and each year after are needed for poll manager reimbursement for operating the polling station. The full expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from local governments.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 10, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

This bill directs the Election Commission to establish a procedure by which a qualified elector may cast his ballot, without excuse, during an early voting period for all elections. Each county board of registration and elections must establish at least one early voting center, and may establish up to three early voting centers. A county board of registration and elections may authorize an additional two stations, if the board finds there is a need after a public hearing on the matter. The early voting period begins ten days before an election and ends three days prior to the election.

**Election Commission.** The department indicates this bill will have an expenditure impact to the General Fund of \$1,000,000 in FY 2017-18. Nonrecurring expenditures of \$500,000 in FY 2017-

18 are needed for voter education, training election officials, revision of current policies, and to develop instructions and procedures for early voting. Recurring expenditures of \$500,000 in FY 2017-18 and each year after are needed for poll manager reimbursement for operating the polling station.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

The local expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from local governments.

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director