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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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| <b>Bill Number:</b>    | S. 0101                                                 | Introduced on January 10, 2017 |
| <b>Author:</b>         | Scott                                                   |                                |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | Absentee ballots                                        |                                |
| <b>Requestor:</b>      | Senate Judiciary                                        |                                |
| <b>RFA Analyst(s):</b> | Kokolis and Heineman                                    |                                |
| <b>Impact Date:</b>    | April 27, 2017 - Updated for Additional Agency Response |                                |

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2017-18</b> | <b>FY 2018-19</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$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>         | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. Additionally, we anticipate there will be no expenditure impact on local governments. This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from local governments.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 10, 2017**

**Updated for Additional Agency Response**

**State Expenditure**

This bill changes the statutory timetable to begin counting absentee ballots from 9:00 a.m. on election day to 9:00 a.m. on the day before election day for county board of voter registration and elections, municipal election commissions, and executive committees of each municipal party in the case of a municipal primary election.

**Election Commission.** The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. Specifying the time and date to process absentee ballots will not result in additional expenses.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

A request for information was sent to twenty-six counties and the Municipal Association. Clarendon, Florence, Lancaster, Oconee, and Sumter counties responded that the bill will have

no expenditure impact. The Municipal Association did not respond to our request. Based on these responses, we anticipate that this bill would have no expenditure impact on local governments. This fiscal statement has been updated to include a response from local governments.

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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**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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