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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-23-09
 SPONSOR Cote LAST UPDATED 2-4-09 HB 42/aHCPAC
 SHORT TITLE Overseas Absentee Ballot Types SB _____
 ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Attorney General's Office (AOC)

No Responses Received From
 Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPACI

The House Consumer and Public Affairs amendment to HB 42 simply changes language for clarity.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 42 requires that all qualified electors and overseas voters shall receive the entire ballot in a Federal election. The Act currently provides that only qualified electors and members of the uniformed services shall receive the entire ballot and that all other overseas voters should receive only ballots for federal candidates.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

By expanding the distribution of the entire ballot to include all overseas voters there could be a minimal fiscal impact to the printing costs. However it is important to note that in the 2008 general election more than 1.7 million ballots went unused therefore the addition of overseas voters receiving the entire ballot could easily be absorbed into the current order.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Attorney General’s Office sees no significant issues raised by the bill but rather it removes confusion from the Act and allows for the distribution of full ballots to all overseas voters, easing the administrative burden of creating different ballots that is imposed by the current act.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This amendment may ease the administrative burden of creating and mailing different ballots that is imposed by the current act.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Overseas voters who are not federal qualified electors or members of the uniformed services will receive only ballots for federal candidates.

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