

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 568 One-Stop Voting Sites

SHORT TITLE: One-Stop Voting Sites

SPONSOR(S): Senators Kinnaird, Gulley, Lee, and Miller

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No () No Estimate Available (X)

FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS:

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** County Boards of Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1999

BILL SUMMARY: This bill adds GS 163-227.2(f1) permitting county boards of elections to provide, with State Board of Elections approval, one or more sites in the county for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast. The bill does not mandate the establishment of the one-stop sites.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Establishment of one-stop sites is within the discretion of the county boards of elections. Any county that chooses to establish a one-stop site would be responsible for any cost related to the site. The exact cost, if any, to each county would vary depending upon several different factors. Because of the variances in the counties' costs as well as the lack of data on the number of counties that may chose to provide the one-stop sites, the Fiscal Research Division cannot estimate the fiscal impact of this legislation on the counties, individually or collectively.

The factors affecting the recurring cost which a county may incur include the need for additional office space and telephone service, the amount of time the site will be open to the voters, and any additional staffing requirements. Counties may also incur nonrecurring cost for the installation of telephone lines, additional voting equipment, and for modem connections if on-line access to voter registration records is desired.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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