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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Revises the Election Emergency Plan Process	

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Provides relative to voting and the holding of elections impaired as the result of a declared emergency or disaster. (1/1/21) (Item #5)

Proposed law revises the election emergency plan process as follows: (1) no later than 10 days after receipt of certification from the Secretary of State (SOS); the Senate Governmental Affairs and House Governmental Affairs committees shall meet jointly, but vote separately, on the election emergency plan; (2) the SOS may present multiple emergency plans to the joint committee at the same time he submits the certification; (3) the joint committee shall meet no later than ten days following the receipt of the emergency plan; (4) the SOS may incorporate changes suggested and approved by the joint committee into the emergency plan; (5) the Governor or his designee may provide recommendations to the joint committee on the emergency plan; (6) outlines the process that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall use to transmit ballots to legislative members when voting on the emergency plan; this process may include e-mail or text; (7) legislative members have 5 days to return ballots after transmission date; (8) the Governor shall either approve or disapprove the emergency plan within 5 days after legislative vote; and (9) legislature may override Governor's disapproval with 2/3 votes.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable, but minimal, decrease in SGF expenditures associated electronic transmission of ballots sent to legislators in certain circumstances predicated by the need to develop an election emergency plan. Proposed law revises the election emergency plan process. Under present law, if the legislature is not in session, ballots are printed and mailed to members. Proposed law allows ballots to be delivered by alternative means including electronic transmission or text communication. If ballots are sent electronically, expenditure savings can be realized by eliminating printing and postage costs. The frequency or occurrence of emergency election plans and the number of ballots that may be impacted are speculative, so any savings that may arise is indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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