

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 1751

Patron: Ennis

Bill Title: Elections; general provisions; loudspeakers prohibited at polls and certain other locations; penalty.

Bill Summary: Extends the prohibition on loudspeakers at the polls on election day to the office of the general registrar, a central absentee voter precinct, or a voter satellite office on election day and during hours when such facilities are open for the purpose of casting absentee ballots.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill is not expected to have any fiscal impact on the state. It extends the prohibition of loudspeakers to include the office of the general registrar, central absentee voter precincts, and satellite voter offices on election day, as well as during hours when these facilities are open for absentee voting. A person convicted of violating this provision would be charged with a Class 4 misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$250. These offenses do not carry jail time. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

Other: N/A