

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2025 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB 2216 **Patron:** O'Quinn  
**Bill Title:** State Board of Elections; appointment of Commissioner of Elections.

**Bill Summary:** Changes the appointing authority of the Commissioner of Elections from the Governor to the State Board of Elections, with an affirmative vote of four of the five State Board members required for the appointment or removal of the Commissioner, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The bill also changes the start of the four-year term of the Commissioner from July 1 of the year following a gubernatorial election to the second year following such election. The bill exempts the Department of Elections from provisions allowing the Governor to appoint a chief deputy and a confidential assistant for policy or administration. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Commissioner, the bill provides that the Director of Operations of the Department will perform the duties of the Commissioner until such vacancy is filled by the State Board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No **Items Impacted:** N/A  
**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. The bill stipulates that the State Board will now appoint the Commissioner of Elections. The State Board of Elections is able to absorb the responsibility and does not require additional funding.

**Other:** N/A