

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB51S1

Patron: Rouse

Bill Title: Election of certain governing bodies; conversion to single-member districts.

Bill Summary: Allows the governing body of a locality that has been subject to a court order imposing a remedial election system under voting rights laws to adopt an ordinance to convert one or more at-large seats of such body to single-member districts, provided that the governing body also adopts and implements the remedial election system contained in the court order. The bill provides that members of such governing body in office on the effective date of such ordinance shall complete their terms of office.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: No

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding.

Other: Similar legislation includes HB168.