

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB202

Patron: Suetterlein

Bill Title: Elections; filling vacancies in county and city governing bodies.

Bill Summary: Removes the ability to fill a vacancy in a county or city governing body by an interim appointment and requires that a special election be held to fill any such vacancy. The bill requires the local governing body to petition the court for a writ of special election within one day of the occurrence of the vacancy and for the court to promptly issue the writ for a special election no more than 45 days from the date the writ is issued, with extensions for special election dates that would conflict with primary and general elections.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the Department of Elections as a result of this bill. Depending on the number of required local special elections per year, the Department of Elections will need to either pay overtime or award compensation time to staff supporting localities with special elections.

Other: N/A