Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1150H1 **Patron:** Hodges
Bill Title: Impersonating any local, town, city, or county elected official; penalty.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill prohibits any person from willfully and intentionally (i) falsely assuming or exercising the functions, powers, duties, and privileges incident to the office of any local, town, city, or county elected official; (ii) falsely assuming or pretending to be any such elected official; or (iii) impersonating any such elected official with the intent to make another believe he is such elected official. A violation of such prohibition is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

The fiscal impact of this proposal to the state due to a possible increase in the jail population is not known at this time.

Fiscal Analysis:

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than $2,500, either or both.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays localities $5.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g., correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2025), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged $58.25 per inmate, per day in FY 2024.

Other: None