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TO: Honorable Mary Denny, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB208 by Goodman (Relating to the location of a polling place for a primary election.), As Introduced

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB208, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$136,300 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	\$136,300
2007	\$0
2008	\$136,300
2009	\$0
2010	\$136,300

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2006	\$136,300
2007	\$0
2008	\$136,300
2009	\$0
2010	\$136,300

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Election Code to require the designation of one location for the primary election polling place of each election precinct in the primary.

Combining primary election polling place locations for each election precinct in the primary would result in a cost savings related to reimbursements to counties for primary election expenses by the Secretary of State.

Methodology

Based on primary election polling place rental cost reimbursements to counties for the fiscal year 2004 primary election by the Secretary of State, a savings of approximately \$136,300 in General Revenue paid to counties for primary election costs would be realized in even-numbered fiscal years, which is when primary elections are held. This analysis assumes that in 2004, 10% of the polling place rentals

were used jointly by primary election precincts in the primary. The estimated savings reflects a 45 percent savings.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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