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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2309 by Denny (Relating to certain election processes and procedures.), Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Election Code to change certain election processes and procedures. It would require the Secretary of State to prescribe procedures to implement the added requirement for tabulations in a local canvass. It is anticipated that any costs to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed by existing resources.

Local Government Impact

There could be additional costs to election offices to implement the privacy requirements of Section 1.13 of the bill, but these costs are not expected to be significant.

There could be additional costs to municipalities to implement the early voting provisions of Section 1.17 of the bill. These costs are not expected to be significant.

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