

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Briscoe Cain, Chair, House Committee on Elections

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2320** by Jetton (Relating to creating the criminal offense of pre-filling an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Election Code as it relates to creating the criminal offense of pre-filling an application for a ballot to be voted by mail. Under the provisions of the bill, the offense of a person providing a mail ballot application to a voter in which the eligibility grounds have been pre-filled by the person distributing the application with intent that the applicant will submit the application on the applicant's behalf to the early voting clerk is punishable as a state jail felony.

The Secretary of State indicates the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary of State

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