

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1582

INTRODUCER: Senator Bean

SUBJECT: Elections

DATE: February 9, 2018

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Fox	Ulrich	EE	Pre-meeting
2.			CA	
3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 1582 repeals a requirement that Supervisors of Elections submit voting history and statewide voter registration system information, precinct-level election results, and precinct-level book closing statistics to the Department of State in specified formats.

The bill is effective upon becoming a law.

II. Present Situation:

Within 30 days after the certification of a presidential preference primary, special election, primary election, or general election, county Supervisors of Elections must transmit to the Department completely updated voting history information for each qualified voter who voted in a uniform electronic format specified in statute. The Department must prepare an electronic report of the information and send it to the Senate President, House Speaker, and the Minority Leader in each House.

Also, within 30 days after certification of such election, the Supervisors must collect and submit to the Department detailed precinct-level election results in a uniform electronic format specified in statute. The Department must make such information available on a “searchable, sortable, and downloadable database via its website.” The Department must also make the report available upon request.

Finally, after the book-closing date but prior to an election to fill a national, state, county, or district office, or to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment, the Department must compile the following data for each county, and make the results publicly available:

- Precinct numbers; and,
- Total number of active, registered voters by party for each precinct.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 1582 repeals a requirement that Supervisors of Elections submit voting history and statewide voter registration system information, precinct-level election results, and precinct-level book closing statistics to the Department of State in specified formats.

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IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

County Supervisors of Elections will likely realize some recurring cost savings by not having to employ full-time or part-time employees to process and submit the required information to the Department. Since the counties primarily fund Supervisors' budgets, however, this savings will not result in cost savings to the State — except possibly in connection with special elections, where the State is statutorily required to reimburse costs to the counties.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 98.0981 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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