

HCS HB 2114 -- PAPER BALLOTS AT ELECTIONS (Zimmerman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

This substitute changes the laws regarding the use of paper ballots at elections. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Allows every individual the right to cast a paper ballot in state and federal elections;
- (2) Requires paper ballots to be counted and treated as a regular ballot;
- (3) Requires election authorities to provide a sufficient number of ballots to meet the requirements of the substitute;
- (4) Requires election authorities to post notice of the right to use paper ballots; and
- (5) Requires the state to pay the actual printing costs of paper ballots required by the substitute.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of \$728,342 to \$1,274,598 in FY 2009, \$0 in FY 2010, and \$770,813 to \$1,348,923 in FY 2011.