

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1946</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6914</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See Below</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1946 amends the rules for in-person absentee voting. In counties with equal to or more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) registered voters or with an area in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) square miles, the secretary of the county election board is required to designate more than one location as an in-person absentee polling place.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1946 in its current form requires multiple in-person absentee voting sites in certain qualifying counties. Officials for the State Election Board (SEB) are in the process of developing a specific cost estimate for the provisions of HB 1946. SEB anticipates increased staffing costs resulting from additional absentee voting sites. SEB would be responsible for additional costs related to state and federal elections; however, local entities will be responsible for such additional costs related to municipal and school board elections. This fiscal impact will be updated as additional information is provided by SEB.

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**Other Considerations**

None.