

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 159

**SHORT TITLE:** No Excuse Absentee Voting

**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Lemmond and Nichols

**FISCAL IMPACT:**   **Expenditures:**    Increase ( )        Decrease ( )  
                  **Revenues:**            Increase ( )        Decrease ( )  
                  No Impact (X)  
                  No Estimate Available ( )

**FUND AFFECTED:**    General Fund ( )    Highway Fund ( )    Local Fund ( )  
                          Other Fund ( )

**BILL SUMMARY:**    An act to eliminate the requirement for an excuse for obtaining an absentee ballot, except allowing illness or disability occurring after five o'clock P.M. on the Tuesday before the election to continue to be an additional reason.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**   This act becomes effective with respect to elections occurring on or after January 1, 1994.

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

FISCAL IMPACT

|                    | <u>FY</u> | <u>FY</u> | <u>FY</u> | <u>FY</u> | <u>FY</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| EXPENDITURES       |           |           |           |           |           |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES |           |           |           |           |           |
| STATE FUNDS        |           |           |           |           |           |
| FEDERAL FUNDS      |           |           |           |           |           |
| LOCAL FUNDS        |           |           |           |           |           |
| OTHER FUNDS        |           |           |           |           |           |
| RECEIPTS/FEES      |           |           |           |           |           |

**POSITIONS:**

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The assumption is that this act does not eliminate the need for the completion of an application for an absentee ballot but removes the requirement to indicate an excuse on that application, except allowing illness or disability occurring after five o'clock P.M. on the Tuesday before the election to continue to be an additional reason. Administrative functions at the local and state levels are not being significantly affected as a result of this act.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina Board of Elections

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**

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