

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6325
BILL NUMBER: SB 113

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2026
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SUBJECT: Preservation of Election Material.

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BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Publication of Election Results*– The bill requires each county election board to provide to the Election Division through a module of the computerized list, not later than 14 days after each election, the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each precinct at the last election. The bill requires the Election Division to promptly publish these election results on the website maintained by the Election Division.

Preservation of Election Material– The bill specifies that starting on January 1, 2026, the period within which certain election material must be preserved is extended from 22 months to 34 months.

Effective Date: January 1, 2026 (retroactive), July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Publication of Election Results*– Although, it would require an additional workload to the Election Division, it is likely the Election Division would be able to upload the required election data on the Division’s website within existing staff and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Publication of Election Results*– County election boards would likely be able to process and upload the required election data to the Election Division with existing staff and resource levels.

Preservation of Election Material– The provision would increase from 1 year and 10 months to 2 years and 10 months the time period that election materials including paper ballots would be have to be preserved after an election. It is likely, with certain possible exceptions, that most counties would be able to store all paper ballots properly and securely preserved for the proposed additional year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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