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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6251**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 200**

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 10, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Voter registration.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill changes the deadline for registering to vote in a primary, general, municipal, or special election from not later than 29 days before an election to not later than 14 days before an election. Additionally, this bill makes conforming amendments in the deadlines for registering: (1) in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or board of registration; (2) in person at a license branch; (3) in person at a public assistance agency; (4) in person at an agency serving persons with disabilities; (5) in person at a governmental or non governmental office authorized by law to register voters; and (6) by mail.

This bill changes the deadline for a circuit court clerk or board of registration to prepare certified copies of the list of registered voters from not later than ten days before the election to not later than four days before the election. It also changes the time within which a circuit court clerk or board of registration must send an authorization of cancellation to the county of a voter's previous residence from not later than 15 days after receipt of the authorization to not later than five days after the receipt of the authorization.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Under current statutory guidelines an individual is allowed to register to vote with any qualified voter registration agency no later than 29 days prior to the election. Voter registrations accepted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or another voter registration agency (i.e., public assistance agencies, agencies serving persons with disabilities) must be returned to the circuit court clerk or the board of registration no later than 5 days after the date of accepting the voter registration application. The circuit court clerk or the board of registration has to have the certified copies of the voter registration list prepared no later than 10 days prior to before the election. Based on the current guidelines, a circuit court

clerk or board of registration has a minimum of 14 days to process a poll list.

This bill allows an additional 15 days for individuals to register to vote and reduces the amount of time the circuit court clerk or the board of registration has to receive voter registration information, and to confirm the voter registration. Additionally, this bill provides that the certified copies of the voter registration list are to be prepared no later than four days prior to the election, a reduction of six days. Under the guidelines created in this bill, a circuit court clerk or board of registration has a minimum of 5 days to process a poll list.

Every county circuit court clerk or board of registration has to meet the same time lines for creating, confirming, processing, and delivering voter registration lists. In large counties the responsibilities of preparing and distributing a voter registration list may be a full-time job for several individuals. In smaller counties the preparation and distribution of a voter registration list may be one of several responsibilities for a single individual. The provisions of this bill will put more time constraints on a circuit court clerk or a board of registration to create, process and distribute voter registration lists. Reducing the amount of time to receive, enter, confirm, and process registered voter information may create a need for a circuit court clerk or board of registration to hire temporary staff to meet the deadlines established in this bill. The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable and dependent on local action taken to meet the requirements of the bill.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Circuit court clerk; Board of registration.

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