

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

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB 1767</b>                                 |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>Committee Substitute</b>                    |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |  |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>SEB: potential increased printing costs</b> |

**Research Analysis**

The Committee Substitute for HB 1767 increases the number of words which may be used in a ballot title to 300 words if the proposed measure will have a fiscal impact on the state. Any question submitted to the people that would have the effect of increasing the funding requirements of an department of state government must contain a clear statement that additional funding would be required by the department of state government.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1767 increases the word limit for ballot titles from 200 to 300 words to include additional information. Officials for the State Election Board (SEB) contend, the provisions of HB 1767 will not require a modification to the election administration system; however, lengthier ballot titles mean that fewer state questions can fit on a single ballot page. In the event that state questions cannot fit on the single ballot page for an election date, a second ballot page would be necessary and would cost SEB between \$500,000-600,000 for a statewide election.

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**Other Considerations**

None.