

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Rosenthal

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2013-2014 | FY 2014-2015 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | Minimal. See State Expenditures section. | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required. | | |
| Local Government Impact: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

For youths confined to a juvenile facility in the custody of the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) in the Department of Human Services (DHS) who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the next election, the bill requires the facility administrator where the youths are confined to:

- facilitate voter registration and voting by youths;
- provide information on voting rights and how to register to vote;
- provide information on how youths may cast a mail or mail-in ballot;
- distribute voter information materials to confined youths; and
- ensure that any mail or mail-in ballots cast by youths are delivered in a timely manner to the designated election official.

DYC facility administrators are required to coordinate with the Secretary of State to compile a list of documents and forms of identification that are in possession of the DYC or youths that may be used to register to vote and to cast a ballot. The list must be posted on the DHS and Secretary of State web sites. The Secretary of State is required to inform county clerks about the list of identification for youths in DYC facilities. Lastly, the bill exempts DYC facility administrators from any restrictions on the number of mail or mail-in ballots that an individual may deliver in person to the designated election official.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS and the Department of State by a minimal amount. These changes are discussed below.

Acceptable identification for voting. The Department of State will have increased workload to coordinate with DYC facility administrators to identify acceptable forms of identification for confined youths. The bill does not change the types of identification necessary for voter registration and voting that are currently specified in state law. Rather, the bill requires the Department of State and DYC facility administrators to identify documents that are likely to be in the possession of youths or the DYC that can be used under current law. Identifying these documents, posting this information on the relevant web sites, and notifying county clerks is not expected to require a significant amount of staff time and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Voting assistance. While not specifically required under current law, many DYC facilities currently facilitate voting and distribution of voting materials for interested youths. To the extent that some facilities do not currently assist confined youths, workload may increase by a minimal amount and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

State ballot information booklet (Blue Book). Upon request of DYC facility administrators, the bill requires Legislative Council Staff to provide copies of the Blue Book for distribution to confined youths. Any additional Blue Book distribution is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Human Services
Counties

Legislative Council
County Clerks

State
Judicial