

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NUMBER: HB 1041 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Ballot in Spanish

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Lucas

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (X)		
<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Board of Elections and County Boards of Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

BILL SUMMARY: This bill will require Spanish instructions to be included on ballots.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Currently, the cost for ballots is the responsibility of the county boards of elections. Except that the State Board of Elections provides paper ballots for those counties that use paper ballots and for absentee voting, when there is a statewide election issue. The cost of printing ballots varies by county depending on the number of registered voters as well as the number of local races. Thus, we cannot estimate the cost of printing ballots that would have both English and Spanish instructions. However, assuming that there is sufficient space remaining on a ballot or that formatting could be modified to accommodate additional language, we believe that adding Spanish instructions would add little to no additional cost.

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