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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4944
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Subject: Elections
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2016-17 | FY 2017-18 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Revenue | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Expenditure | Undetermined | \$0 |
| Local Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the State Election Commission agency. The expenditure impact on municipal governments is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 7-13-190 to remove municipal elections authority to forego a special election if only one person files for a vacant office and no person has filed to be a write-in candidate. Previously for a municipality, a special election to fill a vacancy in an office was not required if fourteen calendar days had elapsed since the filing period has closed, only one person had filed for the office, and no person had filed to be a write-in candidate.

State Election Commission. The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. The Municipal Association indicates that this bill would have an expenditure impact only when a person is unopposed in a municipal general election. Further, the expense associated with such an election would be dependent upon the size

of the municipality and the necessary provisions in terms of personnel, facilities, and equipment. Therefore, the expenditure impact of this bill on municipal governments is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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