

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB2191, as introduced, requires public notaries to maintain a log of all absentee ballot affidavits they notarize for at least two years following an election. The log must include the voter's name, address, and the date, time, and location of the notarization.

Notaries authorized to notarize more than 20 absentee ballot affidavits for a single election must submit a copy of the log to the secretary of the county election board within five business days after the election. The log becomes a public record and is maintained by the county election board.

Failure to submit the log or notarizing more than 20 absentee ballots without proper authorization will result in an eight-year revocation of the notary's appointment by the Secretary of State. Additionally, willful and intentional violations of these provisions are classified as misdemeanors, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2191 provides requirements related to certain notary public logs regarding elections. The measure also prescribes a misdemeanor, and a \$500 fine, for willful or intentional violation of such requirements. A notary public is not expected to willfully or intentionally violate the laws which govern them. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.