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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tripp ORIGINAL DATE 01/20/11  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 42  
SHORT TITLE Rural Electric Co-op Member Voting SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
NFI	NFI	n/a	None

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 42 proposes to amend the Rural Electric Cooperative Act to allow rural electric cooperatives to amend their bylaws to allow their members to vote by proxy or mail.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 42 makes no appropriations and does not affect the operating budget of any state agency.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The RETA states that House Bill 42 may increase voter participation in key votes and strengthen the outcomes for the Cooperatives.

### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Limited voter participation is likely to continue.

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