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1999 Session

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
1999 AB256
Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject
Various changes in campaign finance regulation

Fiscal Effect
State: No State Fiscal Effect
Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.
 Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation
 Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs
1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
3. Increase Revenues Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues Permissive Mandatory
5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

See attached

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See attached

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WI State Elections Board

1999 Assembly Bill 256

Assumptions:

This legislation makes various changes in the campaign finance laws. It makes an appropriation to fund an elections examiner position, but no amount is placed in the appropriation. The agency estimates that it would hire an attorney to fill this position at an annual salary of \$50,000 plus fringe benefits of \$19,900 and initial set up costs of \$7,000.

For purposes of this fiscal estimate it is assumed that the amount available from the income tax checkoff will remain the same. The checkoff generates \$315,000 annually including interest.

The amount needed to fund legislative candidate campaigns is projected based on past candidate participation and past candidates' ability to raise qualifying contributions. It is projected that 13 senate candidates and 90 assembly candidates would qualify for a maximum grant. The legislation provides for maximum initial grants of \$1,811,000 in the 2000 election cycle. The legislation does not provide increased funding for this projected demand. It is assumed that the amount available for legislative campaigns in 2000 will be \$444,800.

It is assumed two candidates for all statewide partisan offices except secretary of state or state treasurer would qualify for a maximum grant. In one of those races only one candidate would qualify for a grant. The legislation provides for \$2,862,500 for initial maximum grants, but only \$296,100 will be available for the 2002 election cycle.

Two candidates for state superintendent and four candidates for justice would qualify for a maximum grant in a four-year cycle. The legislation provides for initial maximum grants of \$575,000 but only \$75,600 would be available under the apportionment of 8% of the available funds over a four year period, assuming 2 funded races for justice and one for superintendent.

The Elections Board will incur one time costs for printing and distribution of new manuals (\$9,200) and forms (\$3,000). An LTE to assist in the design and development of manuals, forms and informational bulletins for registrants will cost \$15,600 for 6 months work at \$15 an hour.

Long-Range:

Full funding clean election campaign grants will not be available unless revenue is infused into the campaign fund.

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

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Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect DOA-2047 (R10/94)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPDATED <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. 1999 AB256	Amendment No.
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Various changes in campaign finance law

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Elections Examiner \$7,000. Manual and forms design \$15,600. Printing and Distribution \$12,200.

II. Annualized Costs:

A. State Costs by Category	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations – Salaries and Fringes	\$ 69,900	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations – Other Costs	1,000	-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$ 70,900	\$ -

B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$ 70,900	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-

III. State Revenues –	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ <u>70,900</u>	\$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ _____	\$ _____

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