

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-1280/1	Introduction Number SB-200
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Description
 An optional identification requirement for voting in elections

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations			<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	5.Types of Local Government Units Affected		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory			

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.510, 20.511	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation creates a procedure for permitting voters to request they be asked by election officials to show identification before being permitted to vote. If the voter is unable to provide the required identification, the voter may cast a provisional ballot. This requirement only applies to voters who choose to submit to this requirement.

The voter makes the choice at the time of registration. A registered voter may appear in the municipal clerk's office and sign a statement requesting to be required to show identification before being permitted to vote. The voter must show identification before signing the form authorized by the Government Accountability Board. The voter may submit a written statement revoking the requirement.

The primary cost components of the legislation are changes to information and training materials along with a modification to the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) application to permit the use of a special notation on the poll list to facilitate implementation of the requirement in a uniform, nondiscriminatory manner.

Because this bill will not apply to all voters, it will require special emphasis in poll worker training. This will require special training materials to ensure all voters receive the treatment that applies to them when voting.

The cost of developing and distributing new informational and training materials is estimated to be approximately \$25,000 including an electronic instructional format. The cost for the agency to secure a change in the SVRS application is unknown. Similar changes have been estimated at \$25,000.

In addition, municipal and county government may incur costs to process provisional ballots cast by voters who fail to provide the required identification. This will mean diverting staff resources to ensure timely processing of provisional ballots. These costs are not easily quantifiable.

The legislation does not require the Government Accountability Board to conduct an informational campaign about the voting option authorized by the bill. It appears to be a prudent course of action given the disparate application of identification requirements among groups of voters. That cost has not been developed as part of this fiscal estimate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The administrative costs for state and local government will continue. A voter outreach program should be utilized for each Fall election cycle.