

### Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>23-0097/2</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0585</b>
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**Description**  
 facilitating voter registration for applicants for public assistance

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

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

**Local:**

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

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.345(4)(a), (bm), (bn), and (kx)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 11/27/2023

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposal would require income maintenance (IM) agencies to determine whether applicants for public benefits are registered to vote and, if not, provide applicants with the opportunity to register to vote and provide assistance in doing so.

To allow IM agencies to perform this additional function, the Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) system would need to be upgraded to allow for the integration of data from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. It is estimated that this one-time upgrade would cost approximately \$410,000 GPR, which would be funded by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Based on the current cost allocation system, DHS would be responsible for about \$386,600, and DCF would be responsible for the remaining \$23,400.

In the first year of implementation, it is estimated that this additional work would add an average of 7 minutes of processing time to each case. After the first year, as the voter registrations of more recipients of public benefits are kept current and as IM agencies become more efficient in voter registration, it is assumed that the average time per case would decrease to 5 minutes annually. The cost of this additional work is estimated at \$4,141,700 GPR in the first year and \$2,958,400 GPR annually thereafter. Of these amounts, it is estimated that DHS would be responsible for \$3,905,300 in the first year and \$2,789,600 annually thereafter. DCF would be responsible for the remainder.

Because the IM agency for Milwaukee County is administered directly by DHS, Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MIES) would need an additional 9.6 permanent FTEs as well as 3.8 project positions for the additional workload in the first year. The costs for these positions are included in the estimates described in the previous paragraph.

In the case of IM consortia and tribal IM agencies, failure to appropriate the necessary general-purpose revenue to cover these expenses would result in those costs impacting other revenue sources such as property taxes and tribal revenue.

In addition, there would be additional mailing costs associated with providing voter registration information to individuals who apply for public benefits. These costs are indeterminate.

Because the costs outlined in this estimate are not eligible for a federal match, changes to the random moment sampling system used by IM agencies to allocate costs between programs and facilitate federal claiming will be necessary; however, as that system is maintained and operated by DCF, those costs are not reflected in this estimate.

In summary, this legislation would be expected to increase administrative costs for the state, counties, and tribes; however, the full fiscal effect is indeterminate at this time.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications