

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject

Limiting the scheduling of local referenda

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

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

None

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The legislation has no significant quantifiable long-range fiscal implications.

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Date

February 18, 1999

1999 Assembly Bill 105

Assumptions:

This legislation limits the days on which local governing bodies may schedule referendum questions. Currently there are few restrictions. When a referendum election is held separately from a regularly scheduled election, the unit of government incurs certain costs, which could be avoided or reduced if the referendum is held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election. These costs include the salary for election inspectors, the cost of mailing absentee ballots and the cost of securing and preparing a polling place. Some costs such as ballot printing and election notices will be incurred whether or not the referendum is held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election.

The Department of Public Instruction has records, which show that 1,010 referenda were submitted to voters since June, 1990 by local school districts. Of these referenda, 517 were submitted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election and 39 were submitted on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an odd numbered year. The remaining referenda were submitted on a variety of dates including Saturdays and the day after a regularly scheduled election. There are no records of the number referenda submitted by other units of local government.

For the purpose of this fiscal estimate it is assumed that 5 election inspectors would receive minimum wage salary for 15 hours work for each election, \$400. The cost of transmitting absentee ballots would be at least \$100 in postage per election. The cost of securing and preparing the polling place can not be quantified. Salaried government employees would probably do this work. It is estimated that there are a maximum of 75 referenda elections in a calendar year which are not scheduled in conjunction with a regular election.

The legislation creates a special state review board, which is attached to the Elections Board for administrative purposes. It is assumed that the extra administrative costs related to this entity can be absorbed within the agency budget. Based on experience with the Board of State Canvassers, this will require approximately 15 hours annually of staff time for routine paperwork requirements and 10 hours of staff time for each meeting.

This legislation may save local units of government at least \$500 per election event. It is also reasonable to assume that more citizens would participate in referenda elections scheduled in conjunction with regularly scheduled elections making the elections more cost effective.

Long-Range:

The legislation has no significant quantifiable long-range fiscal implications.

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

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 AB 105	Amendment No.
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Revise information and training materials

\$2500.00

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations – Salaries and Fringes	\$ none	\$ – none
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations – Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ –
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$ none	\$ – none
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues –	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$ none	\$ – none
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ none	\$ – none

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ none	\$ -37,500.00
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ none	\$ none

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