

### Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session

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LRB Number <b>01-1520/1</b>	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number 2001 Assembly Bill 2	Administrative Rule Number

Subject  
Limiting 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 Chapter 20 Appropriations

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

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 that 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.

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 is 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 Fiscal Implications**

The legislation has no significant quantifiable long-range fiscal implications

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**Fiscal Estimate Worksheet — 2001 Session**  
 Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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

Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	( FTE )	( FTE )
State Operations — Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
<b>Total State Costs by Category</b>	\$ 0	\$ - 0
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
State Revenues <small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>	<b>Increased Revenue</b>	<b>Decreased Revenue</b>
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	\$	\$ -

**Net Annualized Fiscal Impact**

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Net Change in Costs	\$ 0	\$ -37,500
Net Change in Revenues	\$ 0	\$

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