

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 01-2774/1	Introduction Number SB-110	
Subject Absentee voting and voter registration at satellite stations; voting by felons; study of voter registration and multi-lingual voting needs; uniform polling hours; service as an election official		
Fiscal Effect State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5.Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
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		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation makes several changes concerning election administration. It is difficult to determine the actual fiscal impact on state and local government.

The Elections Board lacks the personnel resources to conduct the proposed study on voter registration. The agency would have to contract with a consultant to identify the costs and benefits of implementing a statewide voter registration list that addresses the issues identified in the bill. In 2000-01, the Elections Board spent approximately \$85,000 to develop a study that focused on the agency's information management system. The proposed statewide voter registration system would be an independent IT project with a more limited scope. However a statewide voter registration list would require interfacing with the 72 counties and 1,850 municipalities. Based on previous agency experience, the cost to hire a contractor to assist the agency in developing an RFI would range between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The agency staff has contacted its current contractor to get a ballpark figure to develop the RFI.

Local governments would incur additional costs of between \$50 and \$250 per day to staff satellite absentee voting locations. The municipality may also incur costs for renting the locations. Current law permits absentee voting in the municipal clerk's office under the same provisions set out in the legislation. It is assumed that satellite locations would only be used in larger municipalities where locations other than the clerk's office may provide better service to absentee voters.

Establishing a uniform time for opening polling places will add as much as two hours of compensation that small municipalities will have to pay poll workers. There are no figures available on the amount that local governing bodies pay poll workers. It can be assumed that poll workers receive minimum wage. There are no figures available on how many jurisdictions presently open later than 7:00 a.m.

The Elections Board will incur one-time costs for revising, preparing, printing and distributing forms, information materials, manuals and training materials.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

A statewide voter registration system will have on going maintenance costs

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
\$50-75,000 to hire a consultant to assist in conducting the detailed voter registration study set out in the legislation. The Elections Board will incur one-time costs of \$10,000 for revising, preparing, printing and distributing forms, information materials, manuals and training materials.		
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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