

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Various election-related changes		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The legislation makes three changes designed to make it easier for municipal clerks to have adequate staffing at the polling place on Election Day. These changes may reduce costs to the extent that election inspectors agree to work for no compensation. The most significant benefit of the legislation is that municipal clerks will have more flexibility to recruit and place qualified individuals to work the polls on Election Day.

The legislation also codifies current Elections Board practices concerning the distribution of copies of election laws and informational pamphlets to local election officials. The Elections Board makes the information available on its website. If the agency distributed a copy for each polling place the agency would need at least \$10,000 more in its base budget funding to cover printing and distribution costs.

The changes relating to calling a recall election may reduce local government costs. A local government unit will not have to pay the costs of calling a meeting to order a recall election. A local government will not need to pay the costs of conducting a recall election immediately before the regularly scheduled election.

The technical language changes have no measurable fiscal impact. It will reduce the amount of Elections Board staff time explaining statutory language inconsistencies to local election officials, attorneys and candidates.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.