

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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LRB Number 03-2161/1	Introduction Number AB-123
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Subject
 Federal election administration aids

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 type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input 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 checked="" 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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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation creates an election administration fund to enable the State Elections Board to accept state and federal funds for purposes of complying with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The federal legislation imposes some significant requirements on the state to improve the administration of federal elections. The legislation also authorized funding to carryout the new federal requirements. Some the authorized funding was appropriated in the omnibus spending bill signed by the president on February 20, 2003.

If Wisconsin chooses to apply for the funding, it is eligible to receive a minimum of \$5 million in May of this year. This initial payment does not require any state match. An additional amount of approximately \$15 million will be available around September 30, 2003 if the state meets certain requirements, including appropriating state funds equal to 5% of the amount spent (\$799,000 estimated) under the federal law.

This legislation provides the account for the federal funds and any state matching amount. The legislature will have to authorize any spending through separate action or legislation. The federal requirements apply even if Wisconsin chooses to apply for and accept any federal funding.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The federal funding is "no-year" money, which means that the state is not required to spend the money in a specific federal fiscal year. Many of the uses for which the funding would be applied will continue beyond the next budget cycle.