Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation permits election inspectors to list votes cast for a write-in candidate as "Scattering", unless the candidate files a declaration of candidacy. If a write-in candidate files a declaration of candidacy up until 5 pm on the day preceding an election, election inspectors and boards of canvassers are required to record the votes. In races where no candidates are listed on the ballot or a write-in candidate is running against a deceased candidate, the election inspectors and boards of canvassers are required to record the votes for a write-in candidate. There are no direct costs for local governments. There will be many more instances when election inspectors will not have to record the names of write-in candidates resulting in less record keeping at the polling place. The Elections Board will incur one time costs for preparing, printing and distributing information materials, manuals and training materials. Municipal clerks will have to revise training materials and instruct election inspectors about the change.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None