



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**LFB 3/5/2003**

LRB Number <b>03-2161/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-123</b>	Estimate Type <b>Supplemental</b>
<b>Subject</b>		
Federal election administration aids		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**Bill Provisions:**

**Segregated Trust Fund Created.** The bill would establish an Election Administration Fund as a separate, nonlapsible segregated trust fund consisting of all moneys received from the federal government under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The bill would provide that this fund could not be made temporarily available for the purpose of allowing encumbrances or financing expenditures of other general or segregated fund activities. It would also provide the State of Wisconsin Investment Board with exclusive control of the investment and collection of the principal and interest of all moneys loaned or invested from the fund.

**Federal Aid Appropriation Created.** The bill would further create a federal aid continuing appropriation under the Elections Board, funded from the Election Administration Fund and consisting of all federal HAVA moneys received by the state. It would authorize the Elections Board to expend these funds for election administration costs. The bill would also authorize the Elections Board to provide financial assistance from this appropriation to eligible counties and municipalities for election administration costs.

**Title I Federal Funding Under HAVA:**

This bill would permit the state to receive an estimated \$6,033,000 in Title I funds in 2002-03, which require no state match under HAVA. Under the federal aid continuing appropriation created by the bill, the Elections Board would have the authority to expend all of these Title I funds, subject to the Department of Administration allotment process.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**