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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This legislation requires all voters to present a piece of identification with an individual's photo in order to vote. The legislation provides two very limited exceptions for voters with a recently surrendered driver's license or victims of domestic abuse with a confidential listing.

Currently 18 states require some form of identification in order to vote. However in 15 of those states, identification is not limited to a picture ID. Only 3 states (Hawaii, Louisiana and South Dakota) require picture identification under all circumstances. Source Electionline.org at: www.electionline.org/index.jsp?page=HAVA% 20Voter%20ID

The Help America Vote Act requires all first-time voters in federal elections who register by mail to provide identification before voting. This identification is not limited to a picture ID. Individuals unable to provide the required identification or register at the polling place are permitted to cast a provisional ballot

Under current state law, voters, other than first-time voters at federal elctions, are only required to provide proof of residence, which may or may not have a photo, in order to register to vote in the 13 days before the election in the clerk's office or register to vote at the polling place on election day. There is no requirement for identification or proof of residence to vote for registered voters. There is no requirement for identification or proof of residence to vote before the close of registration, 13 days before election day.

The legislation provides that voters unable to produce the required picture identification are permitted to cast a provisional ballot. This will increase the number of provisional voters. There were less than 350 provisional ballots cast at the November 2004 election.

The Elections Board and local election officials will incur costs for poll worker training, voter education, notice and form revision. Because this is a fundamental change in the voting procedure, it will require extensive outreach to voters and local election officials. This activity is not funded and will require planning and coordination among state and local election officials.

The cost for revising, printing and distributing notices and forms is estimated at \$3,500. Information and training materials will require an estimated \$5,000. A statewide election official training initiative will cost an estimated \$23,700. The cost for a voter education initiative related to the proposed change is estimated at \$50,000 before the Fall 2006 elections.

These costs do not include diverting state and local personnel from current responsibilities to implement the change.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications