

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2575/1 **Introduction Number** AB-865

Description
The right to vote to a person barred from voting as a result of a felony conviction

Fiscal Effect

State:
 No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:
 No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate
1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.510

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation will enable state and local government to save significant administrative costs. These costs are difficult to quantify because they involve the diversion of staff resources to validate an individual's status as a convicted felon. The proposed legislation will also enable the agency and local election officials to avoid the costs of proposed legislation that would require separate tracking of convicted felons at the polling place on election day to prevent them from voting. 2005 Senate Bill 355, 2005 Assembly Bill 808

Under the agreement drafted between the State Elections Board (SEB) and the Department of Corrections (DOC), SEB will receive a list of all convicted felons from DOC. The list will be integrated into the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). Local election officials (LEOs) will receive a notice of any registered voters who match with the list of convicted felons. LEOs will have to verify that the registered voter matched with the list of convicted felons is the same individual before inactivating the registered voter's registration.

Proposed legislation will require the SEB to generate a list of convicted felons to be used at the polling place to ensure convicted felons, who are not incarcerated, do not vote.

The cost of verifying matched felons will be significantly reduced if it only applies to incarcerated felons. The additional costs of proposed legislation will be avoided if poll workers do not have to check separate lists of convicted felons before permitting individuals to vote or register at the polling place on election day.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications