

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOC 3/10/2006

LRB Number	05-3947/4	Introduction Number	SB-612	Estimate Type	Original
Description Administration of elections; providing exemptions from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

First, this bill directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) to transmit electronically to the Wisconsin State Elections Board (SEB), on a continuous basis, a list containing the names of each person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state and whose voting rights have not been restored, together with the date on which DOC expects his or her voting rights to be restored.

DOC is currently providing this data to the SEB on a monthly basis or on demand as described in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SEB. Under the MOU, DOC transmits the data to the Department of Administration who then reformats the information for SEB to retrieve. Under this bill, DOC would provide the information directly to SEB on a continuous basis. "Continuous" is defined as once per regular business day.

To accomplish this change, DOC estimates the costs to be the following:

- One time cost for the initial application modification and build of transfer so that the data would be immediately accessible to SEB: \$14,400
- Annual on-going cost: \$25,700

Assumptions:

- Application will be moved to and run in the DOA Division of Enterprise Technology's SIS environment when it becomes available in July 2006.
- DOC is able to use the existing Voter Registration extract logic and just change the file transfer method to meet the requirements of this bill.
- Transmitting on a continuous basis can be accomplished with a nightly extract and transfer.

While the DOC can provide data on persons who are under its control, i.e., incarcerated individuals, and those on probation, parole, and extended supervision, the department would have no information on those persons who are not in the Wisconsin DOC system. This may include, but not be limited to, persons who are under federal, county, or out-of-state supervision.

Second, this bill requires DOC to create a form for notifying individuals of their ineligibility to vote. When an inmate who is disqualified from voting is released on parole or extended supervision, DOC must use the form to notify the person that he or she may not vote until his or her civil rights are restored. The person and a witness must sign the form. This same procedure must be followed by each probationer on probation for a conviction that disqualifies him or her from voting.

Currently, DOC has persons who are released from prison and placed on parole sign DOC-10, Rules of Community Supervision. A witness also signs this form. Rule 13 meets the requirements of this bill stating that "You shall not, as a convicted felon, and until you have successfully completed the terms and conditions of your sentence, vote in any federal, state or local election as outlined in Wisconsin Statutes s.6.03(1)(b)." DOC-10 is also signed by any persons placed on probation.

Third, this bill creates a penalty of \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both for persons who violate certain prohibitions on electioneering. It is not possible for DOC to estimate how many convictions there would be as a result of the passage of this bill, nor the penalties imposed. As a result, the fiscal impact is unknown. In FY05, it cost \$26,200 per year to house an inmate in a DOC institution and \$2,031 per year to supervise an offender in the community.

County costs will increase if additional offenders are sentenced to a jail term.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$14,400 for initial application modification and build of transfer.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$22,400		
State Operations - Other Costs	3,300		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$25,700		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	25,700		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$25,700		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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