

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Authorizing direct legislation in counties and limiting the way in which voter-approved direct legislation may be repealed					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation extends the direct legislation provisions available to village and city electors to county electors. The legislation also changes the parameters under which direct legislation may be repealed by a vote of the electors or action of the governing body.

County government may incur costs to review direct legislation petitions, consider proposed direct legislation at public meetings and conduct direct legislation elections. These costs involve additional time commitment from the county clerk, corporation counsel, county board members and staff. If an election is conducted, additional costs for ballot printing, programming voting equipment, notice publication and other election-related costs will be incurred if the election is held in conjunction with a scheduled election. If the election is a special election, the county will incur costs for poll workers and equipping polling places as well.

The State Elections Board and local filing officers in counties, cities and villages will incur costs to revise informational materials related to direct legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications