

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2272/1	Introduction Number AB-603
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Subject
 Popular election of technical college district boards

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.510	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation requires the election of 144 public officials who have previously been appointed. The election of Wisconsin Technical College (WTC) Board members will increase the workload for the State Elections Board which serves as the filing officer for these new elective offices. The cost to the State Elections Board would manifest itself in staff time to review nomination papers, determine ballot order, certify candidates for ballot placement, canvass and certify election results, process campaign registration statements and other ballot access documents, and audit campaign finance reports. The agency will also have to modify the Statewide Voter Registration System to reflect the new offices and ballot combinations for voters and election officials.

When the State Elections Board (SEB) became the filing officer for the office of District Attorney (which added 71 offices), we required one additional staff person to accommodate the increased workload. The addition of 144 Technical College District Board offices will require two additional staff positions. Two FTE Election Specialists would require an increase of \$159,300 to cover, salary, fringe, support and initial set up costs. for the first full year.

County clerks will have additional costs for ballot preparation, coding voting equipment and notice publication. They will also have additional costs for canvassing the municipal election returns and certifying the results to the SEB.

Municipal election officials will have the cost of counting votes for additional offices They will also have track WTC district assignments for voters.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

These election support costs will continue after the implementation of the election of the initial WTC Boards. This will require continued funding of the additional SEB staff in the amount of \$148,700 annually.