

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2342/1	Introduction Number AB-626	
Subject Public financing of campaigns for state office		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
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 makes several changes in campaign finance law. For purposes of this fiscal estimate it is assumed that the law will be in place for the 2006 election,. For purposes of determining the amount of funding necessary for the publicly financed grants it is assumed the following number of candidates will qualify for and receive grants:

2006 Primary Grant Amount

Governor 2 2,000,000
Lieutenant Governor 2 500,000
Attorney General 2 700,000
State Treasurer 2 250,000
Secretary of State 2 250,000
State Senator 20 2,000,000
State Representative 145 3,625,000 9,325,000 total

2006 General Grant Amount

Governor 2 4,000,000
Lieutenant Governor 2 1,000,000
Attorney General 2 1,400,000
State Treasurer 2 500,000
Secretary of State 2 500,000
State Senator 10 1,000,000
State Representative 65 1,300,000 9,700,000 total

2007 Spring and special elections (including primaries)

Supreme Court 4 1,500,000
State Senator 2 300,000
State Representative 4 300,000 2,850,000 total

This estimate assumes no additional funding for matching spending by candidates that do not accept the public funding or to match independent expenditures.

The agency will have to hire 6 LTEs at the Financial Specialist 2 level to audit and process the application and distribution of payments during even numbered years . The salary and fringe costs will be \$87,400. Initial set-up costs for the positions will be \$20,000and plus administrative costs of \$5,400 for the positions.

Additional administrative costs include development of a campaign information system (\$3,000,000 first year development costs) and one time costs for revision of forms, manuals and training materials (\$2,500).

One-time costs.

Development of a campaign information system (\$3,000,000 first year development costs) and costs for revision of forms, manuals and training materials (\$2,500). The campaign finance information system is essential to current agency operations. The extent and scope of the changes required in this legislation make it imperative that the campaign information system be developed as part of the implementation of this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It will require \$11,000,000 in annual funding to keep the legislative office accounts funded at the expected participation level. Statewide races will require at least another \$11,000,000 for statewide partisan races. This does not include funding for matching spending by candidates that do not accept the public funding or to match independent expenditures.