

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Requiring certain identification in order to vote at a polling place or obtain an absentee ballot, verification of the addresses of electors, absentee voting procedure in certain residential care apartment complexes and adult family homes, registration and voting procedures for certain persons who are convicted of felonies, and the fee for an identification card issued by the Department of Transportation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation makes several significant changes that affect the administration of elections at the state and local level. The legislation requires most voters to provide an identifying document as part of the registration and voting process. This will require additional training for local election officials. The State Elections Board will incur approximately \$10,000 in additional costs to develop training materials and conduct training before the Fall 2006 elections.

Local election officials will have to train poll workers on the new identification requirements. Local election officials will also incur additional costs for sending special voting deputies to adult family homes and residential care apartments complexes. These facilities are not currently served by special voting deputies. Special voting deputies are paid minimum wage to conduct voting at specified locations serving elderly and confined voters.

The SEB will incur costs to add special reports in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) concerning the treatment of felons. These one time costs are approximately \$50,000. The legislation requires the redesign of the voter registration form. This will cost approximately \$2,500 and may require configuration changes in the SVRS.

The SEB will incur costs to conduct the post election audit of felon voting. It is not clear what level of personnel resources will be needed to conduct the audit.

Local government will incur the cost of printing the felon lists used at polling places, preparing a map of polling place locations to be posted at each polling place, establishing election day plans that must be approved by the governing body and conducting a post election audit of election activities. These costs will vary from municipality to municipality due to the variations in size and complexity of each election.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications