

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 4/26/2010

LRB Number	09-4531/1	Introduction Number	AB-0895	Estimate Type	Original
Description Various changes in election laws, granting rule-making authority, and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

The proposal requires DOT to enter in to an agreement with the Government Accountability Board (GAB) for the purpose of transferring specific personal identifiable information relating to an elector holding a valid Wisconsin driver's license or identification card. This information is to facilitate the registration of certain eligible Wisconsin electors who must meet the registration requirements and to maintain the registration of all eligible electors as long as they remain eligible.

The proposal also specifically requires the elector to take some action to confirm or continue their registration and also gives them a means to request their name to be excluded from the registration list. They may confirm the registration by using a website maintained by the GAB, by mail, or by appearing in the office of the municipal clerk in the municipality in which they reside.

ASSUMPTIONS

DOT must enter in to an agreement with the GAB to electronically provide personally identifiable information about persons holding valid Wisconsin driver's licenses and identification cards. The information is to be provided for the purpose of facilitating the registration of eligible electors and to create a statewide registration list. The information shall include the person's full name; their current address with any address history maintained by the department; date of birth; driver's license or identification card number; information relating to the person's citizenship; and the most recent date the information was provided or obtained by the department.

To implement this proposal, DOT will need to create a method to provide the GAB with the required personally identifiable information using a batch process on a monthly basis. After the initial transfer of the information, the monthly updates will include only those individuals whose information has been updated in the preceding month. It is assumed information will be provided only for those individuals who are 18 years of age and are US citizens at the time of the update.

Section 129 of the proposal requires DOT to enter an agreement with the GAB to match personally identifiable information on the official registration list using information from the operating file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341. It is not required that a person be a Wisconsin resident to register a vehicle. Additionally, vehicle registration does not require a person to provide information pertaining to a person's citizenship. Finally, it is important to mention that information pertaining to a person's citizenship captured at the time of issuing a driver's license under ch. 343 or an identification card under s. 343.50 is based on the individual self-certifying that information.

Any person may file a request to exclude their name from those provided to the GAB and any person whose name is added to the registration list may request to have their name removed. Section 30 of the proposal (s.6.256 (8)) seems to imply the individual's request to opt out of registration list must be filed with the GAB.

The proposal also requires DOT to enter in to an agreement with the GAB to create a system that allows the GAB to instantly verify with DOT the validity of information provided by an elector who has confirmed their inclusion on the registration list including proof of their residence.

CONCLUSIONS

The amount of computer programming time required by this effort will make it difficult to complete by August /September 1st 2010. The BITS resources that would be required for this effort are currently completely utilized working on current Wisconsin legislative projects, such as 2009 Act 100 OWI changes, and other DMV prioritized Federal Requirements. A completion date of August will have a negative effect on

current efforts that have deadlines between now and July 1st 2010. We believe the date for the initial sharing of registration information will be very difficult to meet and a timeline of the 2012 Spring Primary Election as proposed in AB-892/SB-645, which is a similar elector registration proposal, would be more realistic.

Computer system programming required to create the system to transfer the required personally identifiable information in a monthly batch process and to create a system which allows the GAB to instantly verify this information for persons whose registrations have been confirmed will require an estimated 323 days of development time at a cost of approximately \$217,430.

Other than the cost of creating the computer systems, there should be minimal FTE or cost impact on DOT.

The fiscal impact on local governments is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): Computer system programming required to create the system to transfer the required personally identifiable information in a monthly batch process and to create a system which allows the GAB to instantly verify this information for persons whose registrations have been confirmed will require an estimated 323 days of development time at a cost of approximately \$217,430.		
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)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
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	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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