

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Notice of the fee for identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

Under existing law, an eligible applicant for an original or renewal Identification Card (ID), and for reinstatement after certain cancellations of the ID card, who requests the card free of charge for voting purposes, must be issued the document at no charge. This proposal would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to advise any person inquiring about obtaining an ID card that it may be available at no cost if requested for purposes of voting. All applicants for duplicate ID cards would continue to be charged the \$16 duplicate fee, as duplicate ID cards are not available free of charge.

ASSUMPTIONS

This proposal would provide ID cards at no cost to most, if not ALL applicants, except those applying for a duplicate ID card, provided they ask for the product at no cost. The proposal also requires DOT to advise any person inquiring about getting an ID card that the card may be available at no cost for the purpose of voting.

With the passage of 2011 Wisconsin Act 23, DMV changed the ID card application form to include a check box, along with language allowing the applicant to certify they are a U.S. citizen, that they will be 18 years of age by the next election, and they require an ID card for free in order to vote. This change would already meet one of the requirements of this proposal.

DOT staff will need to be trained to advise any person inquiring about issuance of an ID card or any person applying for an ID card who has not checked the box on the application form indicating they want the ID card for free, that ID cards may be available without charge for the purposes of voting. The provision for issuing ID cards without charge does not apply to inquiries or applications relating to duplicate ID cards.

CONCLUSIONS

DMV assumes the statement already present on the ID card application form is sufficient to meet the requirements of this proposal so new or additional forms would not be needed.

DOT staff will need to be trained to advise any person inquiring about issuance of an ID card or those people applying for who have not checked the box on the application form indicating they want the ID card for free that ID cards may be available without charge for the purposes of voting.

Using these assumptions, this proposal should have an indeterminate, minimal fiscal effect on DOT.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.