

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

GAB 8/9/2011

LRB Number	11-2329/1	Introduction Number	SB-157	Estimate Type	Original
Description Preparation of legislative and congressional districting plans by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Government Accountability Board.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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„X This is a fiscal impact analysis for the Government Accountability Board and the potential costs the agency would be responsible for implementing the proposed legislation and includes only costs to this agency.

„X Description and job responsibilities of the roles utilized in this estimate are as follows:

o Election Specialist ;V Election Specialists at G.A.B. will be responsible for policy and program expertise related to setting standards for redistricting, and for implementing the standards do develop the districts with our business partners

o External Legal Support ;V External legal support will be retained to assist in the legal analysis required to set redistricting standards and implement those standards into specific district scenarios.

o Program Manager ;V The program manager will be responsible for ensuring that all required tasks for the Redistricting Program are managed to time and budget, managing risk, and ensuring accuracy, efficacy, and efficiency for the redistricting program. A Program Manager is estimated and recommended as being needed because the G.A.B. staff will be primarily focused on implementing the State's new Photo Voter ID Law and therefore, cannot devote the oversight needed to ensure this project's success.

„X The following hourly rates were used:

Position	Hourly Rate	Hourly Rate Including Fringe
Election Specialist	\$27.89	\$41.32
External Legal Support	\$350	\$350
Program Manager	\$85	\$85

„X Assume that the Legislative Technology Services Bureau will continue to host and maintain the WISE-LR tool used to draw district boundaries. No G.A.B. technical costs were included in this estimate. If LTSB is not involved in the new redistricting process, additional G.A.B. technical costs would need to be calculated.

„X The process for municipalities and counties to do their ward, aldermanic, and supervisory plans would remain the same; therefore, no local costs are included in this estimate.

Increased Cost to the State:

„X The G.A.B. will need to invest time initially in developing the standards that will be used for Redistricting. These standards will need to be updated periodically as new issues arise or additional legislation passes.

„X Outside counsel would be retained to initially develop the standards, as well as reviewing the proposed legislative lines that are drawn every 10 years.

„X Every 10 years when redistricting takes place, staff required for redistricting will need to be in place by June of the year following the census.

„X Existing staff will have priorities shifted if the G.A.B. is required to prepare plans as is described in this legislation.

„X There are additional costs to the Legislative Reference Bureau related to this bill that are undetermined

and not part of this cost analysis.

Cost Analysis

Refer to the following chart for detailed costs provided for this estimate.

Staff Role	Hourly Rate	Hourly Rate Incl. Fringe	Qty of Staff	Duration (in hours)	Total Hours	Cost	Task
Election Specialist	\$ 27.89	\$ 41.32	2	120	240	\$ 9,916.57	setting the standards
External Legal Support	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	240	480	\$168,000.00	setting the standards
Election Specialist	\$ 27.89	\$ 41.32	3	240	720	\$ 29,749.71	draw lines Plan 1
External Legal Support	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	120	240	\$ 84,000.00	review lines Plan 1
Election Specialist	\$ 27.89	\$ 41.32	3	120	360	\$ 14,874.85	draw lines Plan 2
External Legal Support	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	60	120	\$ 42,000.00	review lines Plan 2
Election Specialist	\$ 27.89	\$ 41.32	3	120	360	\$ 14,874.85	draw lines Plan 3
External Legal Support	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	60	120	\$ 42,000.00	review lines Plan 3
Program Manager	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	1	2080	2080	\$156,000.00	Administer the Redistricting Program
Totals						\$582,215.98	

Increased Cost to Local Government:
none

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

These tasks will recur once every ten (10) years in conjunction with the decennial Census.