

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **21-5767/1** Introduction Number **AB-0997**

Description
comparison of voter information on the state's official voter registration list with information maintained by the Department of Transportation

Fiscal Effect

State:
 No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:
 No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate
 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, no later than 10 days after the date of each original voter registration or the date a registered voter makes changes to his or her registration, the Elections Commission (WEC) must compare the voter's personally identifiable information on the official registration list with the personally identifiable information maintained by DOT.

The WEC currently has a system in place to compare information from the voter database with Department of Transportation (DOT) data and could add the additional fields required by this bill to that process. Altering the existing data sharing infrastructure with DOT is not expected to carry significant IT costs for WEC.

Any mailing generated by these new requirements would consist of a single sheet printed letter that would be enclosed in a standard envelope and mailed to the voter. A bulk first-class mailing for a single sheet document generally costs \$.66 per piece (\$.51 postage; \$.05 envelope; \$.10 per printed letter). It is currently unknown how many mailings would be required as a result of this change, but each situation identified by the additional matching requirements would take staff time to review the data, resubmit any corrections and, ultimately, prepare the letter for mailing.

This bill does allow for the responsibility of reviewing non-matches and sending mailings to be carried out on either the state or municipal level so those costs would need to be absorbed into either the state or local election budgets.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications