

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-1537/1	Introduction Number	SB-203	Estimate Type	Original
Description the secure delivery of absentee ballots and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed legislation introduces changes to the means by which absentee ballots are obtained and returned. The proposed legislation also refines the procedures for and ability of a municipal clerk when setting up absentee ballot collection sites.

Upon further research, WEC staff anticipate minimal to no fiscal impact as a result of these changes. The proposed changes would require updates to existing materials, e.g., manuals, guidance documents, etc., but these would fall within the scope of routine updates and would not require additional staff time to complete.

Minimal to no fiscal impact is anticipated at the municipal level under the proposed legislation. The proposed changes redefine the means by which absentee ballots are obtained and returned but adjusting to these updates would not substantially change the way municipalities administer elections. Clerks will still only issue absentee ballots upon receipt of a written application and, although the proposed legislation does outline the ability for a clerk to set up an alternate site at which voters could return their absentee ballots, this would not be required. The costs for creation, maintenance, and staffing of these optional sites would fall under the normal activities of the clerk's office and would be incorporated in the municipal budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications