

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-1565/1	Introduction Number SB-268
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Description
 compensation of election officials performing duties during a recount

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

In reviewing the proposed legislation, Commission staff believe there will be no fiscal impact as a result of the change. There are some outstanding questions as to what is meant by "similar work at the election" when a recount is generally much different than supporting voting and canvassing on election day. Recounts can be administered at different levels of government depending on the office being recounted and, in many cases, the board of canvassers conducting the recount is not the same government entity that was the original employer of election inspectors for election day. They would not have been the entity setting the compensation rates for the election day staff but are responsible determining recount worker compensation.

The assumption used for this estimate is that the pay of recount boards of canvass, tabulators, etc. at a recount is not to exceed the pay of election inspectors working on election day. Based on this assumption, there does not appear to be any fiscal impact on local government as a result of the change. There would, however, be situations where a board of canvassers would have to determine a standard pay rate for recount workers if a recount was conducted at the county level, for example, where municipalities with different rates of election day pay were required to participate. It is unclear from the legislation if boards of canvass would use an average pay rate in those situations, if they would have to apply the same election day wages for each municipality to the recount, or if they would have to use the lowest pay rate from a participating municipality as the standard rate for all recount workers.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications