

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-5998/1	Introduction Number SB-945	
Description notifications to local elections officials and the elections commission regarding certain prospective jurors		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires each clerk of circuit court to notify the appropriate municipal clerk or board of election commissioners and the Elections Commission of any prospective juror whose returned juror qualification form shows that the person does not qualify for jury duty in that circuit because the person either is not a U.S. citizen or does not live in the circuit for which he or she was called for jury duty.

If the commission determines that a prospective juror who is registered to vote or has voted does not have the necessary elector qualifications or does not satisfy the residence requirements, the commission shall remove the person's name from the registration list and send notice to the person and to the district attorney or attorney general of the commission's action.

The court system records cannot be used to identify the political subdivision of the prospective juror, as the circuit court system uses Department of Transportation as its source of juror information and addresses. That information is identified at the county of residence level. While the court system could likely create a report to help circuit court clerks identify the individuals who were not eligible for jury duty, the report could not be programmed to also identify the juror's municipality of residence to assist the circuit court clerks in contacting the appropriate municipal clerk to comply with the bill. It is possible the costs of creating the county-level reports could be absorbed in the current court system budget.

The clerk of circuit court (county) would be required to manually identify the municipality of record for each unqualified juror. If this process can't be automated, these costs may not be able to be absorbed in some county budgets given the volume of cases in some counties. In addition, there would be additional administrative costs at the county and municipal level. Because those costs are at the local level, the costs associated with the bill are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The Court System does not anticipate ongoing associated with this bill.