

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original
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LRB Number 23-4457/1	Introduction Number AB-0571
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Description
 maintenance of the voter registration list, training of municipal clerks, data sharing agreements, pre-election procedures, lines at the polls on election day, and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

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

Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) must transmit to the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC), on a continuous basis, a list containing the name of each living person who has been convicted of a felony and whose civil rights have not been restored, together with the person's residential address and the date on which DOC expects the person's civil rights to be restored. The bill requires DOC to transmit this information to WEC on a daily basis.

In addition, the bill requires the secretary of DOC and the administrator of WEC to enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable information from the registration list with the personally identifiable information maintained by DOC and update that agreement at least once every two years.

DOC's current data exchange process with WEC allows WEC to pull changes in the felony data specified under current law as often as needed. WEC's current practice is to pull the data on a daily basis. As such, this bill's requirement that the data be transmitted on a daily basis wouldn't require a change from current practices, and thus wouldn't have a fiscal impact on DOC.

The memorandum of understanding that DOC entered into with WEC's predecessor, the Governmental Accountability Board (GAB), noted that GAB would use the felony data sent by DOC to "fulfill its statutory obligations in generating voter felon lists, matching felony record data against currently registered voters and auditing voter participation records against felony record data." WEC continues to match the felony data DOC sends against voter registration data. Assuming that would remain the case under the bill's requirement for a data matching program agreement between DOC and WEC, DOC staff wouldn't gain any additional workload, and thus it wouldn't have a fiscal impact on DOC. If instead the agreement resulted in DOC taking up some portion of the data matching workload, there would be a staff time impact on DOC, and depending on its scale potentially a fiscal impact if additional staff were needed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications