

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-0307/1	Introduction Number AB-0076
Description restoration of the right to vote to a person barred from voting as a result of a felony conviction	
Fiscal Effect	
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" 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: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <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	
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

The draft bill requires the elections commission to, "inform the person in writing at the time his or her right to vote is restored under this subsection." It is not possible to estimate the costs of this requirement without further information about this requirement. Two issues prevent an analysis.

First, the Wisconsin Elections Commission has no information about whether a person convicted of a felony has fulfilled their sentence as defined in the draft bill. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is not notified when a felon completes their term of imprisonment or probation, or when they have paid all fines, costs, fees, surcharges, and restitution, or when they have completed community service imposed in connection with the crime. Upon information and belief, only the Department of Corrections has this information. Obtaining this information from the Department of Corrections would likely require additional legislation, and the requirements of that legislation would dictate the processes - and therefore costs - associated with obtaining the information.

Second, the Wisconsin Elections Commission has no information about the location and contact information of persons convicted of a felony. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has no information whatsoever about convicted felons who have not previously registered to vote. Felons who were previously registered to vote have had their registrations inactivated - often many years in the past - and the Wisconsin Elections Commission does not track them, or update contact information, after notice of conviction. Upon information and belief, only the Department of Corrections tracks the location and contact information of convicted felons. Obtaining this information from the Department of Corrections would likely require additional legislation, and the requirements of that legislation would dictate the processes - and therefore costs - associated with obtaining the information.

With additional information addressing the two issues above, it will be possible to provide a fiscal estimate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications