

SF771 - 0 - "Statewide Voter Regis System Status Change"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	10	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			10			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Executive Budget Officer's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
General Fund	-	10	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			10			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund	-	10	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			10			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

This bill proposes that the public information list available to registered Minnesota voters for political, elections, or law enforcement purposes be expanded to include any changes in status for each registered voter and the date of each status change. It also requires that the list include registered voters who have an inactive status. It should be noted that voters with an inactive status are not, in fact, registered voters.

The bill also requires either that a separate list be maintained by county auditors that shows name, address, year of birth, and voting history information on each voter who has been removed from the Statewide Voter Registration System and the reason for the removal, or that the information be integrated into the public information list.

Assumptions

While the proposed language references maintenance of the list by the county auditors, the Statewide Voter Registration System used by the county auditors is programmed and maintained by the secretary of state (OSS). This fiscal note assumes that the programming work is centrally done by OSS.

Programming by OSS will be necessary in order to implement the changes in the lists required by the bill.

Programming time is computed at \$85/hour, which is based on typical consulting fees. Contractors would be required as existing staff are fully task-assigned.

The new requirements will require a new report, a new set of stored procedures, and modification of the SQL elections programming

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Revenues

There are no state revenues in this biennium or the next as a result of this bill.

Expenditures

Computer Programming:

There will be 120 hours of design, development, and basic development testing time at the contractor rate of \$85/hour, for a total of \$10,200.

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Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

There are no long-term fiscal considerations as the programming required is a one-time expense, and as there are no revenues associated with the bill.

Local Fiscal Impact

There are local government costs only if the auditors establish their own separate lists for the persons removed from the SVRS lists of registered voters pursuant to clause (b) of the bill.

It is not possible to estimate the local costs as it is unknown how many auditors would establish their own lists, what methods they would use to maintain and operate these lists, and what the costs of the various counties would be for that maintenance and operation.

References/Sources

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