

SF885 - 0 - "Sp. Election Cycle Term Process Auth"

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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
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
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
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

The Bill modifies Minn. Stat §10A.01, subd. 16, and adds a new section 2 to Minn. Stat § 10A.095.

As currently defined in Minn. Stat §10A.01, subd. 16, a special election cycle ends 60 days after the date of a special election. This bill creates the option for a candidate in a special election to end the special election cycle five days after the date of the special election using the procedure added in Minn. Stat § 10A.095. A candidate in a special election who wishes to end the special election cycle early must notify the Board in writing of this decision. The notification must be made by 5 p.m. of the fifth day after the special election. After that date, the option to end the special election cycle early is no longer available.

Each election cycle, including a special election cycle, has a separate contribution limit. A candidate in a special election may wish to end the special election cycle early in order to start the regular election cycle for the candidate’s committee. This will allow the campaign to receive additional contributions from an individual, party unit, or political committee that had given the maximum amount during the special election cycle. Similarly, the aggregate special source limit is reset with the start of a new election cycle. If the candidate signed the public subsidy agreement for the special election a new spending limit for the campaign is established for the new election cycle.

Assumptions

1. The Board maintains and tracks election cycles, and all associated limits, in the campaign finance software provided to candidates. In addition, the dates and limits for election cycles are used in the Board’s database of campaign finance transactions for compliance checking. In the campaign finance software and internal database, the dates for election cycles are maintained in a table. The various applications which use the election cycle dates use whatever information is in the table, no specific software coding is required when an election cycle changes. Therefore, adding an election cycle or modifying the dates for an existing election cycle is a data entry issue with no fiscal impact on Board operations.
2. The Board’s IT staff make all modifications to tables within the campaign finance software and internal databases. This note assumes that the fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 budget for the Board is sufficient to maintain current IT staffing.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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