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**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**  
*No State General Fund Impact*

**Drafting Number:** LLS 03-0861  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Teck  
 Rep. Witwer

**Date:** January 28, 2003  
**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2002/2003	FY 2003/2004	FY 2004/2005
<b>State Revenues</b>			
General Fund - Transfer	\$2,200,000		
Cash Fund - Transfer	(\$2,200,000)		
<b>State Expenditures</b>			
General Fund			
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Other State Impact:</b> None			
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor			
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2003/2004:</b> None required			
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> Reduces costs, workload, and revenue for county clerks			

**Summary of Legislation**

**JBC Budget Reduction Bill.** This bill eliminates Colorado's presidential primary election and transfers a portion of the balance in the Department of State Cash Fund to the General Fund.

**State Revenues and Expenditures**

The bill transfers \$2.2 million from the Department of State Cash Fund to the General Fund in FY 2002-03. The bill also eliminates Colorado's presidential primary election, scheduled for March 2004, which was expected to cost the Department of State \$2,176,998 in FY 2003-04 for reimbursing county clerks for conducting the presidential primary election. These moneys, however, have not yet been appropriated so no adjustment of the department's FY 2003-04 appropriation is required.

**Local Government Impact**

Elections in Colorado are supervised by the Secretary of State, but conducted by county clerks and recorders. This bill eliminates the presidential primary election, reducing the costs and

workload of county clerk and recorders. The bill also reduces state reimbursement for this election, which has generally been less than the local costs of conducting the election.

**State Appropriations**

The fiscal note implies that no appropriations are required in FY 2003-04.

**Departments Contacted**

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