

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

**LOCAL
CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

No State General Fund Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Johnson S. **Bill Status:** Senate SVMA
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TITLE: CONCERNING COMBINING POLLING PLACES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH VOTE CENTERS WHERE ANY ELECTOR REGISTERED IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY VOTE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2004/2005	FY 2005/2006
State Revenues General Fund		
State Expenditures General Fund		
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Other State Impact: None		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2004/2005: None required		
Local Government Impact: Potential reduction in election costs for counties		

Summary of Legislation

Current law allows county clerks to combine precincts for certain elections, with approval of county commissioners. This bill expands the authority to apply to any election, eliminates the requirement for approval by county commissioners, and authorizes the establishment of regional voting centers at which any registered voter within the jurisdiction may vote, regardless of the precinct in which the voter lives. For counties with at least 25,000 active registered voters, the bill requires at least one vote center for every 10,000 voters. However, this requirement may be waived by the Secretary of State before the election at the request of the county clerk.

Local Government Impact

The bill allows for the consolidation of polling places, potentially reducing the cost of conducting polling place elections. The bill is permissive, however, and any potential cost savings have not been estimated.

Departments Contacted

State