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TITLE: SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE XXI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING ELECTIONS TO RECALL STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR THE DEADLINES REGARDING RECALL PETITIONS AND HEARINGS TO BE SET IN STATUTE RATHER THAN IN THE CONSTITUTION AND STATING THAT A RECALL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AS PART OF A GENERAL ELECTION IF A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FIFTY AND NINETY DAYS AFTER THE TIME FOR FILING A PROTEST HAS PASSED AND ALL PROTESTS HAVE BEEN FINALLY DECIDED.

Summary of Assessment

This resolution amends the Colorado Constitution on recall elections to allow the deadlines for recall petitions, protests, and hearings to be set in statute rather than in the constitution. The resolution also modifies the constitutional deadlines under which a recall election would be held as part of a general election. This change reduces the requirement to combine recall elections with regular elections, which are difficult to combine under current law when recall petition protests are still pending within 50 days of a regular election.

The resolution modifies certain recall election requirements, but would not significantly affect state or local expenditures. Therefore, it is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The resolution would take effect upon approval of voters at the 2006 general election.

Election Expenditure Impacts (For Informational Purposes Only)

The bill refers a measure to the voters at the 2006 general election. This measure will be published in newspapers and an analysis of the measure will be included in the Blue Book mailed to all registered voter households prior to the election. Under current law, costs for these functions will be paid through a General Fund line item in the Long Appropriations Bill. The estimated 2006 general election costs for the Blue Book are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Estimated Costs of Producing the 2006 Blue Book and Distributing to All Registered Voter Households	
Printing	\$275,000
Postage	\$300,000
Translation	\$20,000
Newspaper Publication (English & Spanish)	\$600,000
Total Expenses (for estimated 12 issues)	\$1,195,000
Average Expense Per Issue	\$99,583

State Appropriations

This fiscal note implies that no new state appropriations are required to implement the bill.

Departments Contacted

State