

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 11-1060  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Looper  
 Sen. Cadman

**Date:** May 5, 2011  
**Bill Status:** House SVMA  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF MONEYS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CASH FUND TO THE INTERNET-BASED VOTING PILOT PROGRAM FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNET-BASED VOTING PILOT PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Transfers or Diversions</b> Transfer from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Internet-based Voting Pilot Program Fund	(\$100,000)	
<b>State Expenditures</b> Cash Funds Internet-based Voting Pilot Program Fund	\$100,000	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill transfers \$100,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Internet-based Voting Pilot Program Fund and allows the voting pilot created by House Bill 09-1205 to be funded by other sources than gifts, grants, and donations.

**Background**

House Bill 09-1205 created an internet-based voting pilot program to facilitate voting by uniformed services voters serving outside the United States for the 2012 general election. Implementation of the bill was contingent upon receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, and donations. The final fiscal note by Legislative Council Staff estimated the costs of the bill as \$392,500 in FY 2011-12 and \$92,500 in FY-2012-13. At this time, no source of gifts, grants, and donations have been identified.

**State Transfers or Diversions**

The bill transfers \$100,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Internet-based Voting Pilot Program Fund on July 1, 2011 to implement the internet voting pilot created by House Bill 09-1205.

**State Expenditures**

The bill does not create new costs for the Department of State, but rather, makes funding available to implement the internet-based voting pilot in current law. The funding transferred to the pilot program fund is not sufficient to fully implement the voting pilot program according to the final fiscal note for House Bill 09-1205. However, \$100,000 is sufficient for the voting pilot program to be partially implemented by the Department of State. Specifically, this funding would allow for the electronic transmittal of ballots to overseas uniformed services voters, but would not be enough to create an electronic system for the return of ballots.

**State Appropriations**

The bill requires an appropriations of \$100,000 to the Department of State from the Internet-based Voting Pilot Program Fund in FY 2011-12.

**Departments Contacted**

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