


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Szabo; Summers Sen. Mitchell	Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR ELECTION-RELATED PURPOSES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Department of State Cash Fund	\$13,500	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on April 4, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that identification used for election-related purposes include a photograph of the individual. An exception is provided for residents of state-licensed institutions, who may use a Medicare or Medicaid card as voter identification. The bill removes several forms of identification that do not have a photograph of the individual from the list of acceptable identification. Section 4 of the bill refers the act to the voters at the 2012 general election.

State Expenditures

If the concurrent resolution is approved by the voters at the 2012 general election, the Department of State will have one-time costs of \$13,500 to revise, print, and distribute new voter registration forms and other election-related materials. The department is required to provide these forms to county clerks, voter registration drives, and other designated agencies that provide for voter registration under the National Voter Registration Act. Changes to the voter registration form that narrow or reduce the forms of identification that an elector can use are made as soon as they become effective, rather than being phased in over time. Given the bill's effective date, the fiscal note assumes that the department will replace current supplies of voter registration forms upon the Governor's proclamation that the electorate approved the resolution.

Election Expenditure Impacts (For Informational Purposes Only)

The bill refers a measure to the voters at the November 2012 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 are paid through a General Fund line item in the Long Appropriations Bill. Table 1 below identifies the anticipated costs for the 2012 Blue Book.

Table 1. Cost to Produce and Distribute the 2012 Blue Book to All Registered Voter Households	
Printing	\$400,000
Postage	\$450,000
Translation	\$20,000
Newspaper Publication (English & Spanish)	\$500,000
Total Cost (14 issues)	\$1,370,000
Average Cost per Issue	\$97,857

Local Government Impact

The bill will increase the workload of county clerks. The offices of county clerks will be required to update county publications and procedures to conform with the new requirements.

State Appropriations

For FY 2012-13, the Department of State requires an appropriation of \$13,500 from the Department of State Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

State Revenue Counties Clerks and Recorders