


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Lundberg
 Rep. Murray

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Bill Status: Senate SVMA
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ON-LINE PROGRAM TO WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE POSTS ELECTION RETURNS BY THE EVENINGS OF SPECIFIED ELECTION DAYS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2011-2012 | FY 2012-2013 | FY 2013-2014 |
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| State Revenue | | | |
| State Expenditures | | | |
| Cash Funds | | | |
| Department of State Cash Fund | \$776,460 | | |
| FTE Position Change | | | |
| Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. | | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section. | | | |
| Local Government Impact: Minimal. See Local Government Impact section. | | | |

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a system that will display statewide election-night returns on the official SOS website beginning with the 2012 primary election and each statewide primary, general, or other statewide election thereafter. The system is to be made available at no cost to county clerks. The bill includes an appropriation to the Department of State from the Department of State Cash Fund of \$776,460 in FY 2011-12, and specifies that the spending authority for this funding extends until July 1, 2013.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase cash fund expenditures in the Department of State by \$776,460 in the current fiscal year, FY 2011-12. These costs are based on a proposal received by the SOS from a vendor that has implemented similar systems in other states. These costs include software licensing fees, maintenance, and support through December 31, 2014, as well as costs to configure the system and provide mapping for counties.

Local Government Impact

County clerks will have training costs and could require additional staff time to operate the system on election night. These costs are expected to be minimal.

State Appropriations

The bill requires an appropriation to the Department of State in FY 2011-12 from the Department of State Cash Fund of \$776,460.

Departments Contacted

State County Clerks