



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Steadman**Bill Status:** House SVMA**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

TITLE: CONCERNING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REQUESTED IN AN INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION.**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows initiative and referendum petitions to include space for a registered voter who is signing the petition to voluntarily provide his or her telephone number and e-mail address. If included on the petition form, the petition must clearly state that this information is not required in order to sign the petition. Under current law, voters signing a petition are required to provide their signature, printed name, residence address, city/town, county, and date of signature.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The Department of State will be required to revise the current petition form to include space for voters to provide the voluntary contact information, but this is not expected to require additional resources. While including space for additional voter information will increase the length of petition forms, the cost of printing and distributing petition forms is paid by the initiative proponents.

The Department of State does not currently track the e-mail addresses or telephone numbers of registered voters in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SCORE), which is the database of voter information used to verify petition signatures. This analysis assumes that the bill does not require the department or county clerks to begin collecting telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of voters in SCORE during the registration process or to use voluntary contact information provided by voters as part of the signature verification process.

Departments Contacted

State