# Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

# STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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SHORT TITLE: REAPPORTIONMENT COMMN APPOINTEES FROM RURAL AREAS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires that at least 7 of the 11 members of the Colorado Reapportionment Commission reside in counties of 25,000 or fewer people according to the most recent national census.

#### Background

The Colorado Reapportionment Commission is constituted one year after each decennial census to redraw state house and senate legislative districts according to the new population count. The committee includes four members appointed by the leadership of the General Assembly; three members appointed by the Governor; and four members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. No more than four commission members can be members of the General Assembly; no more than six can be from the same political party; no more than four can be residents of the same congressional district; and each congressional district must have at least one resident as a member. Finally, at least one member must live west of the continental divide. Legislative members receive per diem and all commission members are reimbursed for expenses.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill will not affect state expenditures until FY 2020-21 when the next commission is appointed and begins work. The amount of any change in costs will depend on where commission members live, where meetings are held, per diem rates, and whether technological solutions will be utilized to reduce travel costs. The fiscal note assumes that these costs will be determined and appropriated during the annual budget process for FY 2020-21. The commission has traditionally been funded through a General Fund appropriation to the Legislative Branch.

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# **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

# **State and Local Government Contacts**

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