

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE and LOCAL**  
**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

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**BILL TOPIC:** SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION WITH PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$21,080</u></b>
Cash Funds		\$21,080
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$21,080 - Department of State (FY 2016-17)		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill refers a question to voters at the 2016 general election to require that identification for election-related purposes include a photograph of the individual. The bill defines acceptable forms of identification to include:

- a valid Colorado driver's license;
- a valid identification card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR);
- a valid United States passport;
- a valid employee identification card issued by a federal, state, or local government entity;
- a valid pilot's license issued by the federal Aviation Administration;
- a valid United States Military identification card;
- a valid student identification card; or
- a valid veteran health identification card.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases expenditures in the Department of State by \$21,080 in FY 2016-17 if voters approve the ballot question at the November 2016 general election. Because the bill changes the requirements for voter registration, the Department of State will need to update and reprint all voter registration forms to reflect the updated list of acceptable forms of identification specified by the bill. This cost is based on the historical printing costs associated with updating voter registration forms.

***Election expenditure impact (existing appropriations).*** The bill includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2016 general election. Although no additional appropriation is required in this bill to cover election costs associated with this ballot measure, certain election costs to the state are appropriated as part of the regular budget process. First, state law requires that the state reimburse counties for costs incurred conducting a ballot measure election paid from the Department of State Cash Fund. Second, the text and title of the measure must be published in one legal newspaper per county and an analysis of the measure must be included in the Ballot Information Booklet (Blue Book) mailed to all registered voter households prior to the election paid from the Ballot Analysis Revolving Fund. Table 1 below identifies the anticipated costs for a single statewide ballot measure election in 2016.

<b>Cost Component</b>	<b>Amount</b>
County Reimbursement for Statewide Ballot Measures	\$2,400,000
Ballot Information Booklet (Blue Book) and Newspaper Publication	\$670,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,070,000</b>

**Local Government Impact**

The bill may increase workload and expenditures for local governments by a minimal amount. County clerks will need to communicate the changes in acceptable forms of identification to voters. County clerks may also experience an increase in the number of provisional ballots requested by voters. Provisional ballots require more work to verify the identity of voters and cost more per ballot. Any increase in provisional ballots is anticipated to be minimal.

**Effective Date**

The proposed bill takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor within 30 days of the election date, if approved by the voters at the 2016 General Election.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

State                      Revenue                      County Clerks and Recorders