

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2018 Legislative Session

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Identifier: OOG-DOE-2-12-18
Title: VOTER REGISTRATION & PFD APP
REGISTRATION
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Office of the Governor
Department: Office of the Governor
Appropriation: Elections
Allocation: Elections
OMB Component Number: 21

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019						
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total		0.0		0.0		0.0	

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total		0.0		0.0		0.0	

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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This change has no impact on the financial costs associated with the division's conduct of state and federal elections. No additional staff will be required to implement the proposed law.

This bill would change the method that a person may choose to opt-out of voter registration when applying for their Permanent Fund Dividend. Applicants will have the opportunity to decline to register to vote or to update their registration at the time of completing their PFD application. This change will provide a mechanism for the Division of Elections to automate the process, eliminate the opt-out notice to reduce paper transactions and save costs in mailing the opt-out notice to eligible applicants.

As a note, even though Ballot Measure #1 passed, the Division of Elections did not receive an appropriation to implement PFD Automatic Voter Registration. When the initiative was circulated, the cost statement indicated that a recurring cost of \$360,000 would be needed to hire temporary workers to process "opt-out" notices (\$60,000) and annual costs associated with mailing notices to voters who are eligible but not registered, and those who are registered but have a different mailing address (\$300,000).