

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB267-OOG-DOE-1-22-22
Title: CURING REJECTED ABSENTEE BALLOT
Sponsor: SCHRAGE
Requester: House State Affairs

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)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services	80.5			80.5		80.5	
Travel							
Services	30.0			30.0		30.0	
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	110.5	0.0	0.0	110.5	0.0	110.5	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	110.5			110.5		110.5	
Total	110.5	0.0	0.0	110.5	0.0	110.5	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary	5.0		5.0		5.0		5.0

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/22

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would add a ballot cure process for rejected absentee ballots.

The bill would require the division to notify each voter whose ballot was rejected, the reason for rejection and the process to cure the defect. Notification is to be done by mail. The division estimates this will cost \$5.0 per election year which includes printing and postage costs.

The bill requires the division to make available for each absentee voter a free access method to check if their ballot was counted or not and the reason for rejection. This information is to be made available immediately after the rejected ballot is received. The division estimates the cost of such system will be \$20.0 per election year.

The bill requires the division to immediately forward cured ballots to the director by the most expeditious service. The division estimates the cost of this will be \$5.0 per election year. The division will need to ensure the transportation method is secure and maintains chain of custody.

The division would need to hire five nonpermanent election clerks, range 12, to manage the cure process. The division estimates this cost to be \$80.5 per election year.

Appropriations for general and primary elections are traditionally made in two-year cycles, hence the staggered out-year cost estimates.