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Title: ELECTIONS, VOTING, BALLOTS
Sponsor: TUCK
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	80.5	80.5
Travel							
Services			1,698.0	1,148.0	1,148.0	1,148.0	1,148.0
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	1,778.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			1,778.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5
Total	0.0	0.0	1,778.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5	1,228.5

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary			7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

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: 10,725.0 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/01/23

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Original fiscal note was indeterminate; this revision captures all estimated costs assuming effective date of January 1, 2023.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation will make numerous revisions to Alaska's election laws which will impact the Division of Elections' services and procedures for all state-administered elections beginning with the 2024 primary and general elections. Significant changes include: (1) a new requirement to implement rigorous signature verification for by-mail voters; (2) adding a free online absentee ballot tracking system to include a tracking barcode for return ballots; (3) requiring routine forensic examination of precinct tabulators (4) enhanced voter list maintenance to ensure accuracy of voter rolls and professional audits of registered voters lists; (5) adding a toll free election offense hotline; (6) new requirements relating to oversight and destruction of used ballot materials; (7) requiring postage paid return envelopes with absentee ballots; (8) extending the length of operation of the absentee ballot review board; and (9) adding a requirement that the Alaska voting system use open-source software technology beginning in 2024.

The fiscal note includes operating costs beginning in FY24 in advance of the 2024 primary and general election and FY23 capital costs.

These legislative changes require the following unrestricted general fund expenses:

Primary and General Operating Expenses Beginning in FY24

Personal Services:

\$80.5 (Seven Nonpermanent Election Clerks, range 12, to address ballot curing and to support toll free hotline)

Services:

\$140.0 (Ballot Printing, postage)

\$300.0 (Professional services including IT consulting, software maintenance, forensic auditing)

\$750.0 (Envelope and forms reprinting to meet new requirements; reduced to \$200.0 after FY24)

\$500.0 (Annual software maintenance and support)

\$ 8.0 (Election board services)

FY23 Capital Costs for new systems required by this legislation:

\$5,125.0 (Signature verification systems, software, support, and training for 5 regional offices)

\$ 100.0 (Ballot tracking system and software)

\$ 500.0 (Voter registration system modifications for language preference)

\$5,000.0 (New voting system using open-source software)