

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB130-DPS-AST-03-24-23
Title: ELECTION INTERFERENCE, FRAUD,
MISCONDUCT
Sponsor: JUDICIARY
Requester: (S) Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska Bureau of Investigation
OMB Component Number: 2744

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2024 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2024 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | | |
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| | | | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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| None | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Positions

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| Full-time | | | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | | |

Change in Revenues

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| None | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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| Agency: <u>Department of Public Safety</u> | |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill amends the crime of unlawful interference with an election by adding two more subsections to the statute. Alaska Statute (AS) 15.56.060(a)(5) makes it a crime to intentionally open or tamper with signed/sealed absentee ballots without authorization from the Division of Elections director. The second, AS 15.56.060(a)(6), makes it a crime to intentionally breach, hack, alter, or tamper with election machinery.

The bill adds a new crime of election fraud for violations of AS 15.56.060 with the intent to change the outcome of an election, making it a class B felony.

The bill amends AS 15.56.070 and the crime of election official misconduct in the first degree by adding a new subsection to the statute, AS 15.56.070(a)(4), for a non-election official to knowingly disclose, share, or report election results or any confidential election data before the polls close on election day.

The Alaska State Troopers enforce state laws. While this bill adds a new criminal offence of election fraud, and expands the crimes of interference with an election and election official misconduct, the impact is anticipated to be nominal, and the department is submitting a zero fiscal note.