

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: SB039-LAW-CRIM-1-22-21
Title: BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG;
MAIL
Sponsor: SHOWER
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Criminal Division
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation
OMB Component Number: 2202

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This legislation amends the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the second degree to include knowingly collecting a ballot from another voter unless the person is an election official, United States Postal worker, or a private commercial delivery service; or the person possesses only one other voter's ballot and the person is a family member, household member, or caregiver of the person whose ballot they possess. Unlawful interference with voting in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of one year.

The legislation also amends the crime of unlawful interference with an election to include intentionally opening or tampering with a sealed absentee ballot certificate and envelope or package of ballots without the express authorization from the director of the Division of Elections. Unlawful interference with an election is a class C felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years.

While this legislation may result in an increase in cases, the Department of Law does not expect that increase to be significant enough to require additional funding. Therefore, the department does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.