

Fiscal Note

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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)

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services	160.0		55.0		55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	160.0	0.0	55.0		55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	160.0		55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Total	160.0	0.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0

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 (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/25**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to reflect changes made by the Senate Finance Committee, which deleted sections 1-17 and 20-26 of the Senate State Affairs version, leaving only the sections relating to witness signature requirements on absentee ballot envelopes and the effective date clause.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill removes the requirement for witness signatures on absentee ballots.

The division estimates that these changes will require the following unrestricted general fund (UGF) expenses:

Services:

\$110.0 first year for absentee ballot envelopes to meet new requirements (\$60.0 each following election year)
\$50.0 translation services required each election year.

Funding Note: Beginning in FY17, the operating cost of holding primary and general elections every two years was divided in half to reduce volatility in the authorized budget of the division while allowing sufficient funding to conduct elections. In keeping with that practice, the above-listed ongoing costs would be split in half each fiscal year beginning in FY26 to smooth the funding requirement of this legislation and included as two-year language items in an operating budget appropriations bill. Therefore, costs associated with this legislation is equal to half of \$60.0 (\$30.0) plus half of \$50.0 (\$25.0) totaling \$55.0 annually starting in FY26.

Passage of this bill will require the division to amend the following regulations:

6 AAC 25.550
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6 AAC 25.620