

HF110 - 0 - Voter Preregistration

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund	17	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
General Fund	17	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund	17	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue						
Expenditures	4	-	-	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

This bill provides for persons who are between the ages of 16 and 18 and are otherwise eligible to vote, to submit a voter registration application. The voter registration application would not be fully processed and finalized until the individual reaches the age of 18. Completion of a registration application by a person under the age of 18 does not entitle that person to vote.

The names of future registrants between 16 and 18 years of age are prohibited from appearing on the public information list authorized in section 201.091.

The language of voter registration applications is changed to accommodate this preregistration, and a new application must be used for those registrants under 18. Election officials may use (and accept) existing voter registration applications, until supplies are exhausted, for registrants over the age of 18.

Assumptions

Training and updates to manuals and guides is done periodically, and so this change will be noted in the next round of trainings and guide updates.

Online voter registration templates residing on the website of the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) are the major cost of programming detailed in this note. New paper voter registration applications will need to be printed from the electronic application templates created by OSS, at the expense of the counties. The OSS anticipates printing new applications ahead of the next Presidential Nominating Primary in early 2024.

All written materials, whether online or printed, will be translated into other languages as is the policy of the OSS, but the OSS will absorb the cost of both the online and printed translations as part of the HAVA Account appropriation.

There are also provisions of Minnesota Rules that will require conformity to these statutes, but the statutes overrule these rules and the OSS does regular rulemaking and will include the necessary changes into the next round of rulemaking.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Pre-registration for people 16 and older programing changes to the online voter registration tools and SVRS:

Computing:

- 1. Election Division Business Analysis: (60 hours)
- 2. OSS Information Technology (IT): (80 hours)
- 3. Quality Assurance (QA): (60 hours)

Total Hours: 200 Hours

200 hours x \$85/hour = \$17,000

Translation:

Computing:

- 1. Elections Division Business Analysis: (2 hours)
- 2. OSS Information Technology (IT): (8 hours)
- 3. Quality Assurance (QA): (8 hours)

Total hours: 18

18 hours x \$85/hour = \$1,530

Translation services:

- 1. Print/electronic translation \$2,000

Translation expenses to be absorbed by the HAVA Account appropriation \$3,530

TOTAL COSTS **\$20,530** (2023)

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The costs on this bill are one-time costs.

Local Fiscal Impact

Counties will need to print a number of voter registration applications modified to conform to the bill, for the use of those persons between 16 and 18 years of age.

Local election officials conduct municipal clerk and election judge training at least every two years and will include these changes in their next round of training.

References/Sources

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