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LB 776

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$7,700			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$7,700			

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 776 changes provisions of statute requiring the following offices to be listed at the general election on the nonpartisan ballot:

- US Representative
- Governor and Lt. Governor
- State Treasurer
- Auditor of Public Accounts
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- Public Service Commission
- Multiple offices elected at the county level

The Secretary of State estimates a cost of \$7,700 in fiscal year 2023-24 to print and distribute forms and perform coding changes.

This estimate appears to be reasonable.

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Secretary of State

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$7,700			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$7,700</u>			

Explanation of Estimate:

LB776 would require modifications to the voter registration form, both on paper as well as the design of the form in the voter registration system. We estimate the cost to print and distribute the forms to be \$2,500 and our vendor estimates the system coding costs to be \$5,200. This is a one-time cost for FY24.

Additionally, due to the significant changes to the process to petition on to the general election ballot proposed by LB776, we anticipate this change could greatly increase the number of petitions received to be on the general election ballot. Without changes to the deadline to have petitions reviewed and candidate lists certified, our office may face other larger costs such as petition verification software or additional staffing needs. A preliminary estimate of the petition verification software was \$247,500 in year 1 and \$91,300 each subsequent year, but additional factors such as staffing and infrastructure could increase those costs. However, as it is difficult to predict the impact on petitions, those costs are not certain at this time.

The legislation may require public education as the stated purpose is to establish a non-partisan election system for all federal, statewide, and local elections which is a significant departure from our current system. We have not attempted to estimate those costs as we are uncertain as to the level of public education that would need to be provided by our office.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2024-25 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$7,700	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$7,700</u>	