

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	\$25,235,487		\$806,498	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$25,235,487		\$806,498	

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

LB 228 establishes two new holidays: primary election day and general election day.

Section 3 requires all persons voting on the day of the statewide primary or general election to do so in person at their polling place. A photographic identification card approved by the Secretary of State must be presented to the election worker at the polling place. Persons who need to vote prior to the election date may do so in person at the election commissioner’s or county clerk’s office. Only persons registered as military personnel or registered to vote with a residence at a nursing home or assisted-living facility may vote by mail.

Secretary of State

The Secretary of State (SoS) identifies several operational areas that will be affected by the provisions of LB 228. Generally, the majority of costs are associated with equipment to address the bill’s requirements associated with in-person voting and counting ballots on election day. Of the SoS’s first-year estimate of \$25,235,487, over 86% (\$21,895,475) is for ballot counting devices, installation, and training costs.

LB 228’s requirement for in person voting is anticipated to increase the number of voters at polling places. In the 2022 General Election, SoS reports that more than 225,000 Nebraskans voted by mail. Additional voters at polling places will necessitate more precincts and, therefore, more devices. Based on the current number of 135 precincts that utilize “all by-mail” voting, it is estimated that 330 additional devices will be required. The cost for the purchase, installation, and training is estimated to be \$1,142,720.

LB 228 requires the SoS to approve a photo ID card for use at the polling place. The assumption used by the SoS is that driver’s licenses and state ID cards issued by the DMV would be utilized. Since the bill does not call for providing ID cards at no cost, SoS assumes that the DMV would charge the SoS for voters seeking a free state ID to meet state and federal constitutional requirements. This cost is estimated to be \$1,119,632 in fiscal year 2023-24 with an ongoing cost of \$64,583 per year. While these estimates are based on multiple assumptions, the costs may be incurred. There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

Finally, SoS estimates the need for 3.0 FTE with associated operations and travel costs. These positions would address the staffing needs for the SoS that accompany the increased workload associated with LB 228.

There is no basis to disagree with the Secretary of State’s estimates.

Other State Agencies

It is not feasible to survey all state agencies regarding potential personnel costs associated with adding state holidays. A sampling of estimates was requested for several agencies in order to provide a sense of the costs. For any agency that requires employees to work on holidays (e.g., 24/7 facilities, essential workers) there will be more salary expenditures. In addition, the Department of Administrative Services would need to negotiate agreements with all four labor unions to address this new statutory provision.

The costs to other state agencies are not captured in this fiscal note. As LB 228 is refined and specific costs can be identified, this fiscal note will be updated. Going forward, agencies will have the opportunity to have such additional costs address through the normal budget and deficit processes.

Political Subdivisions

Many counties are likely to experience higher costs to conduct elections under LB 228. The cost of adding and staffing new precincts, as well as potential personnel costs will be required. Much like state agencies, it is not feasible to survey all 93 counties for an estimate. Several counties provided an estimate. These estimates are attached to the fiscal note in order to provide a sense of what costs may be incurred.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/28/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: The Secretary of State's assessment of fiscal impact for LB 228 seems reasonable given the assumptions provided.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services - Enterprise
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/07/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: The Department of Administrative Services' assessment of the potential range of fiscal impact across the enterprise appears slightly understated when taking into account the additional pay for agencies that run 24/7 facilities.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/03/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Department of Correctional Services' assessment of fiscal impact from LB 228.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/03/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: The Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact from LB 228 seems reasonable given the historical assumptions provided.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/19/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Motor Vehicles' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 228.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: 05 Supreme Court	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/22/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Supreme Court's estimate of indeterminate fiscal impact from LB 228.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA)	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/07/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs' assessment of fiscal impact from LB 228 seems reasonable given the assumptions used.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228 Revised	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Douglas County Election Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/14/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: No basis to agree or disagree with the Douglas County Election Commission's estimate of potential fiscal impact without additional supporting information.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Hall County, Nebraska	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/23/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with Hall County, Nebraska's estimate of potential one-time and ongoing fiscal impact from LB 228.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 228	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lancaster County Election Commissioner	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/17/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's estimate of indeterminate fiscal impact from LB 228 as introduced.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 228

FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Joan Arnold Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2-24-2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2384

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	\$25,235,487		\$806,498	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$25,235,487</u>		<u>\$806,498</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB228 proposes legislation to establish election day as a holiday, significantly reduce by-mail voting, count ballots on election day, count ballots at the precinct level, and to require photographic identification for elections. This proposed legislation would require additional appropriations for our office for the following requirements.

Election Day Holiday:

Due to our holiday policy, we do not anticipate any direct costs associated with this holiday; however, on a statewide basis, this change would likely increase costs for some agencies that would need to maintain staffing on the holiday.

ADA Compliant Ballot Marking Devices:

The reduction of by-mail voting proposed by LB228 would result in an increase in voting in-person at polling places. In the 2022 General Election, more than 225,000 voters voted by mail. The increased in-person voting would lead to the need to create more precincts to comply with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-903 and to avoid long wait times at the polls. In accordance with federal law, each precinct has an ADA-compliant ballot marking device; thus, the creation of more precincts results in the need for more devices. The additional precincts include 135 precincts which are currently all by-mail. In total, we estimate needing 330 additional devices. Based on current contract prices for these devices, installation, and training, the cost would be \$1,142,720.

Photo ID Approved by SOS:

LB228 requires voters to “present a photographic identification card approved by the Secretary of State.” There is no further instruction on how such card is to be obtained; however, we believe the intent would be for driver’s licenses and state ID cards issued by the DMV to be the photographic identification required. Providing a free ID is likely necessary to meet state and federal constitutional requirements. As the DMV was not instructed to provide free IDs, we assumed that DMV would charge our office instead of the voter. We estimate 38,608 voters would potentially seek out a free state ID for voting purposes in the first year it is required and that there would be around 2,227 voters needing such ID each year ongoing. At a cost of \$29 per state ID card, that would be \$1,119,632 in FY24 and \$64,583 in FY25 and ongoing.

Counting Ballots at Precinct Level:

LB228 indicates that ballots should be counted at the precinct level, rather than centrally counted at the county

level as is the current practice. The bill also requires ballots to be counted on election day. We estimate that implementing these provisions would require the purchase of an estimated 3,800 additional precinct level vote tabulators. Based on data for cities and states that currently count at the precinct level, we believe we would need one tabulator for every 250 voters. We anticipate that there would be at least 950,000 individuals voting in 2024 (based on 967,000 voting in the last presidential election). Based on current contract prices for these devices, installation, and training, the cost would be \$21,895,475. There are also likely to be additional costs to the counties for storage of these devices. However, considering the complexity and unique storage needs for each county, it's difficult to identify those costs at this time.

Public Awareness Campaign:

In order to comply with federal law as interpreted by federal courts, implementing the proposed legislation requires public education. To ensure a consistent and effective message is delivered statewide across all media networks, our office would anticipate contracting with an advertising agency. Based on the average of budgetary quotes obtained from multiple local agencies, this cost is estimated to be \$1,200,000, with \$700,000 in FY24 and \$500,000 in FY25. Additionally, due to existing staff constraints, we anticipate needing to hire a project manager to coordinate the statewide education effort. This position is expected cost approximately \$106,000 per year for salary, benefits, equipment, supplies, and technology expenses.

Envelopes:

Our assumption is that LB228 suggests that individuals voting at the polls without proper identification would vote via the provisional ballot process. This would require some modifications to the provisional ballot envelopes. Our office would provide the initial stock of these new envelopes to the counties. The counties would then be responsible for replenishing the envelopes in the future. Based on quotes and historical county envelope costs, we estimate the cost of obtaining and distributing these envelopes, to be \$118,950. This is a one-time cost for FY24.

Additionally, LB228 would require changes to the early voting ballot return envelopes. Due to the limitation on early voting by mail, we do not anticipate needing a significant quantity of these envelopes and estimate the total cost to be \$5,000 based on historical prices. Again, this would be a one-time cost as our office would provide the initial stock and the counties would replenish the supply in the future.

Staffing:

Given the changes to the election process and the anticipated increase in spending, we believe our office would need an additional Election Specialist position and an additional Accountant position. Each position is expected to cost approximately \$63,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies, etc.

Travel:

We estimate needing \$20,000 in FY24 and \$10,000 in FY 25 for staff travel expenses related to training county officials across the state.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-24	2024-25
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>

Project Manager	1.0	1.0	\$72,100	\$75,705
Election Specialist	1.0	1.0	\$40,000	\$42,000
Accountant	1.0	1.0	\$42,000	\$44,100
Benefits.....			\$61,640	\$64,722
Operating.....			\$4,227,827	\$569,971
Travel.....			\$20,000	\$10,000
Capital outlay.....			\$20,771,920	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$25,235,487	\$806,498

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – Employee Relations - Enterprise

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Dan Birdsall Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/12/23 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4106

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
REVOLVING FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 228 creates two new holidays in Neb. Rev. Stat. 25-2221 and 62-301. The first is the statewide primary election day, the Tuesday after the second Monday in May in each even-numbered year. The second is statewide general election day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.

This bill would cause state teammates to receive the new state holidays as Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1001, which outlines state holidays, states that paid holidays include all days enumerated in section 25-2221.

The bill as introduced includes an emergency clause and would become effective as soon as the Legislature adjourns in June 2023. There would be one additional holiday in FY23-24 and one in FY24-25.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) - Employee Relations would negotiate agreements with all four labor unions, NAPE/AFSCME, FOP 88, SLEBC and SCATA, to make the necessary adjustments to the Labor Contracts, websites, policy, and marketing material, all of which can be done with existing staff.

The state would incur additional costs above a normal operating day as a result of state teammates working at a holiday pay rate as outlined in the applicable Labor Contract. Based on historical averages this cost would run between \$460,600 and \$575,750, including FICA and Retirement. The state would also lose the productivity of teammates who are not working on those days, which cannot be accurately quantified.

It is difficult to determine the exact impact by fund type as some Agencies/Programs are impacted more by additional holiday and benefit costs because of their need for 24/7 coverage. Future costs will also increase with future salary increases.

The table below summarizes the estimated impact by fund type of the increased enterprise-wide Salary expenditures for each fiscal year. The allocation by fund type below is based on an average of Salaries (PSL) expenditures over a four-year time period (2019-2022).

Estimated Expenditures				
	FY23-24	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY24-25
	Low Estimate	High Estimate	Low Estimate	High Estimate
General Funds	\$237,561	\$296,951	\$237,561	\$296,951
Cash Funds	\$111,284	\$139,105	\$111,284	\$139,105
Federal Funds	\$ 88,433	\$110,541	\$ 88,433	\$110,541
Revolving Funds	\$23,322	\$29,153	\$23,322	\$29,153
Total Funds	\$460,600	\$575,750	\$460,600	\$575,750

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Lisa Stanton Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/26/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (402)479-5702

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	\$700,090		\$700,090	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$700,090</u>		<u>\$700,090</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 228 creates state holidays for statewide primary election day, the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May in each even-numbered year; and for statewide general election day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.

Based on comparison of recent pay periods that include a paid holiday to those that do not include a paid holiday, the NDCS estimates the additional cost for one observed holiday to be approximately \$700,090. This amount includes \$607,981 PSL and \$92,109 benefits.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
			\$607,981	\$607,981
Benefits.....			\$92,109	\$92,109
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$700,090</u>	<u>\$700,090</u>

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-1-2023

Phone: (5) 471-6719

	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$353,650		\$353,650	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$353,650	\$0	\$353,650	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

The creation and establishment of one election day per State Fiscal Year as a State holiday would increase Holiday premium pay for both facility and non-facility Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employees. In the first half of State Fiscal Year 2023, the average Holiday premium pay was **\$353,650**. The lowest paid holiday was July 4th at \$297,099 and the highest paid was December 25 at \$576,582.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024 EXPENDITURES	2024-2025 EXPENDITURES
	23-24	24-25		
Benefits.....			\$353,650	\$353,650
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$353,650	\$353,650

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Motor Vehicles

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bart Moore Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 18, 2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-3902

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/22/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-326-9215

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Although not a requirement, if courts are closed on statewide primary and general election days, judicial and court staff workload would be affected. No reasonable estimate of the fiscal impact of two additional court closure days can be determined at this time. No additional resources currently required.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

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Create state holidays for statewide primary and general election days, require in-person voting, photographic identification to vote, counting of ballots on election day, and counting of ballots at the precinct level, and allow voting by mail for registered military personnel and residents of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Brian W. Kruse, Douglas County Election Commissioner Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/23/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-444-8683

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>NEW COST</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>ON-GOING NEW COST</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

NEGATIVE (DETRIMENTAL) FISCAL IMPACT TO DOUGLAS COUNTY

Category	Additional Election Cost	Notes
Holiday pay for permanent staff	\$9,900.00	11 staff x 20 hours x 1.5 holiday rate x \$30 per hour
Elimination of early voting by mail temporary staff is offset by increase in poll workers for precinct level counting	\$0.00	
Early Voting In-Person staff increase	\$72,128.00	Double current staff
Rent for additional building space for early voting in-person	Unknown	
TOTAL	\$82,028.00	

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Hall County, Nebraska

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Tracy Overstreet Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2-23-23 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (308) 385-5085

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Purchase of 51 precinct counters	\$382,305 (state cost-initial purchase)
Annual maintenance contract on counters	13,005 (state annual cost)
Holiday time-county office staff	486
Holiday time-security (4 @ \$52.50 x 17)	3,570
Delivery/pick up of new equipment	3,000
Storage of new equipment	14,400
Two additional precincts (14 new poll workers)	3,000
Two additional poll workers for 24 existing precincts	8,640
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	\$395,310 Secretary of State
	33,096 Hall County (annual cost)
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	\$428,406 total outlay and one-year operations

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	=====	=====	=====	=====

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lancaster County Election Commissioner

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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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The Lancaster County Election Commissioner is currently unable to provide an estimate of additional or reduced costs since there no specifics to this bill. Section 3 (2) states that a committee amendment will be drafted later to change the relevant portions of the Election Act to conform to this section.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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