

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	\$10,635,748	(\$137,750)	\$4,550,195	(\$137,750)
CASH FUNDS	\$474,964	(\$413,250)	\$221,964	(\$413,250)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$11,110,712	(\$551,000)	\$4,772,159	(\$551,000)

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

LB 675 amends the Election Act.

Section 2 requires the Secretary of State (SoS) to provide a public awareness campaign regarding voter identification requirements and procedures to obtain such ID. The program shall include creation of a website, social media, and television and print advertisements that explain the process to register to vote, vote in-person, and vote early. Legislative intent to appropriate one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the campaign is provided.

Section 3 requires the voter registration application at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to be designed so that the elector's information is transmitted to the election commissioner or county clerk unless the elector specifies otherwise.

Section 4 provides Legislative intent to provide sufficient General Funds to the SoS to ensure that each polling place in Nebraska is ADA compliant.

Section 5 provides for specified documents that qualify as identification for voters. This section shall be effective beginning with the statewide primary election in 2026.

Section 6 requires:

- The DMV to provide expanded hours and staffing, including one evening per week and one Saturday per month, starting two months prior to in-person early voting.
- SoS shall provide the capacity for each election office in the state to print qualifying ID to enable people to vote the same day as the election.
- SoS shall provide additional locations where qualifying ID can be obtained for voting, such as libraries and nonprofit organization offices.
- SoS shall provide mobile units in each county starting two months prior to in-person early voting which can provide qualifying ID so voters without reliable transportation or the ability to travel due to disability, may have access to qualifying ID.
- The election commissioner or county clerk shall provide for increased election office staffing, training, and seating to accommodate long lines and delays on election day.

Section 20 provides for issuance of an original, renewal, or duplicate state ID card to a Nebraska resident who does not have a valid Nebraska driver's license, at no cost.

Section 24 provides for issuance of a certified copy of a birth record at no charge, if the applicant does not have a current Nebraska driver's license or state ID card and indicates that the birth record is needed for voting purposes.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimates that it may incur a Cash Fund revenue decline due to the provision of no-cost birth records. This potential loss of funds is estimated to be minimal and can be absorbed by DHHS.

The DMV estimates increased costs and revenue losses due to the provision for no-cost state identification cards. DMV's cost per card is \$5.50. This cost is estimated to be incurred for 46,000 such new cards and 19,000 renewal cards will be issued at no cost in fiscal

year 2023-24. Beginning in fiscal year 2025, only the 19,000 renewal cards will be issued at no cost. In addition, DMV estimates 12,675 hours of overtime payments for additional staffing as required by LB 675.

The DMV, based on 2020 Census data, estimates 65,000 Identification Cards with no fees will be obtained in fiscal year 2023-24. 19,000 such cards will be obtained in fiscal year 2024-25. The allocation of funds otherwise collected for such cards results in a General Fund revenue decrease of (\$471,250) in FY24 and (\$137,750) in FY25. The estimated DMV Cash Fund revenue loss is (\$1,413,750) in FY24 and (\$413,250) in FY25. These estimates assume the maximum number of eligible persons will obtain Identification Cards. Since revenue losses are to be estimated relative to prior collections, revenue loss based on 65,000 Identification Cards is not used in this fiscal note. This fiscal note utilizes the 19,000 Identification Card figure that is anticipated in FY25 and applies it to FY24 revenue loss projections. The 19,000 figure captures the estimated population that annually obtains Identification Cards. That is the population from which revenue is received. The additional 46,000 persons that DMV estimates in FY24 represent the population of persons who have not previously obtained Identification Cards. Under this logic, that population would not otherwise obtain Identification Cards and, therefore, revenue would not be collected; there is no lost revenue since those dollars would not have normally been collected.

SoS estimates total costs associated with LB 675 to be \$10,635,784 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$4,550,195 in fiscal year 2024-25. This estimate includes funding for 10.0 permanent FTE (with associated benefits and operational costs) and 73.25 part-time temporary employees. The temporary employees would be utilized in all 93 counties to work at libraries and nonprofits issuing ID cards.

LB 675's requirement of the SoS to provide each election office to print qualifying ID (in section 6) carries with it estimated costs for ID workstations, implementation costs, and ongoing maintenance costs. This portion of the SoS estimate totals \$5,766,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$465,000 per year of ongoing costs.

Finally, operational costs identified by SoS include items such as printing costs, postage, travel, and creation of the required website/portal for early voting ballot requests.

There is no basis to disagree with the SoS estimates.

For any counties that currently qualify for elections by mail due to their population base, the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) estimates that additional costs will be incurred for costs associated with in-person voting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Secretary of State
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/28/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Secretary of State's assessment of one-time and ongoing fiscal impact from LB 675.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675	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 for LB 675 seems reasonable given the assumptions used.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/01/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: The Department of Motor Vehicles' assessment of fiscal impact for LB 675 seems reasonable given the assumptions used.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lancaster County Election Commissioner
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/23/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's assessment of indeterminate fiscal impact from LB 675.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675 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 disagree with the Douglas County Election Commission's assessment of fiscal impact from LB 675.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 675	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 02/24/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Association of County Officials' assessment of negative, yet unknown, fiscal impact for LB 675 seems reasonable given the assumptions used.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 675

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	\$10,635,748		\$4,550,195	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$10,635,748</u>		<u>\$4,550,195</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB675 proposes legislation to establish procedures for photographic identification for elections, implement automatic voter registration, ensure ADA compliant polling places, and modifies some provisions related to early voting and by mail voting. This proposed legislation would require additional appropriations for our office for the following requirements.

Public Awareness Campaign:

LB675 requires the Secretary of State to “provide a public awareness campaign regarding the voter identification requirements and procedures to obtain qualifying identification.” 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 to cost approximately \$106,000 per year for salary, benefits, equipment, supplies, and technology expenses.

Automatic Voter Registration:

There would be ongoing costs associated with the proposed legislation as it would significantly increase the amount of data being transmitted. We currently process about 250,000 transactions on average per year, and we expect that this change could result in an increase to approximately 550,000 transactions each year. As a result of this increased traffic, we estimate increased costs from the OCIO of approximately \$1,900 per year. We also anticipate needing an IT Infrastructure Support Tech to monitor the system transactions given the additional volume and to troubleshoot issues that may arise. This position is expected to cost approximately \$75,000 per year for salary, benefits, equipment, supplies, and technology expenses.

ADA Compliant Polling Places:

LB675 requires our office to ensure all polling places are ADA compliant and indicates an intention to appropriate General Funds to meet that requirement. Our office has expended Federal grant funds of approximately \$100,000 per year for the past two years to improve accessibility at polling places throughout the State. Based upon this spending level and available data, we believe we could spend \$250,000 per year on accessibility improvements. Additionally, we believe two ADA Compliance Specialist positions could be needed to ensure best practices regarding accessibility across the state. These two positions are expected to cost approximately \$167,000 per year for salary, benefits, equipment, supplies, and technology expenses. Please note that this request assumes existing Federal grant funds will be reallocated to other grant purposes.

SOS Identification Workstations:

LB675 requires our office to provide the capacity for each election office to print a qualifying identification, as well as provide additional locations such as libraries and nonprofits where qualifying identification can be obtained, and mobile units in each county. Per discussion with DMV, an identification workstation costs \$23,500 per unit, plus a \$750,000 one-time implementation cost and annual ongoing maintenance cost of \$250,000 (for 100 units). Using this estimate, the cost for 93 units in each election office and another 93 units at libraries/nonprofits would be \$5,766,000 plus \$465,000 per year ongoing.

DMV also estimates each identification card costs \$7.1925 for product stock, card manufacturing labor, and mailing. We estimate 38,608 voters would potentially seek out a free state ID for voting purposes in the first year and that there would be around 2,227 voters needing such ID each year ongoing. At a cost of \$7.1925 per ID card, that would be \$277,688 in FY24 and \$16,018 in FY25 and ongoing.

We expect the mobile units could consist of a camera, tripod, backdrop, SD card costing \$705 per unit, or \$70,500 for 93 mobile units.

We also anticipate requiring 93 part time temporary employees for 3 months per year (25%) to work at the libraries/nonprofits issuing identification cards and 93 part time temporary employees for 3 months per year (25%) to operate the mobile units. At a temp agency rate of \$25 per hour, this is estimated to cost \$2,418,000 per year.

Early Voting Process:

LB675 requires the creation of a website/portal for early voting ballot requests, as well as the ability to email and text voters to notify them of receipt of an early ballot. Our vendor estimates the ballot request website would cost \$100,200 to create and the email notifications would cost \$9,400. Our vendor does not have the ability for text notifications, so we reached out to a different vendor, which estimated \$38,500 per year ongoing for the texting functionality.

LB675 also requires the counties to provide postage paid early voting ballot return envelopes. Based on historic postage costs, we estimate the additional costs to the counties at nearly \$300,000 statewide, with individual county costs ranging from \$100 in the smallest county (Arthur) to over \$81,000 in the largest county (Douglas). This funding is not included in our fiscal estimate, but is unlikely to be available in the existing county budgets.

County All By-Mail Process:

As the proposed law would allow all counties to apply to the Secretary of State for by-mail voting, we will need one additional full-time Elections Coordinator specifically devoted to by-mail application requests and the by-mail program. This person will oversee the application process and requirements, review new applications, follow-up with counties regarding their requests, respond to questions or omissions in the application, discuss modifications to the county plan if needed, and prepare documentation regarding the request. In addition, it is anticipated that this person will amend the existing program rules and regulations (which will need to be amended as a result of the legislation), and provide ongoing education and training materials to local election officials and the general public regarding the application process and by-mail voting. This position is expected to cost approximately \$72,000 per year for salary, benefits, equipment, supplies, and technology expenses.

Envelopes:

LB675 provides 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 both types of 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.

Staffing:

Given the significant changes to the election process, we believe our office would need the following additional positions for the purposes noted:

- Election Coordinator position to coordinate and manage the statewide ID issuance. This position is expected to cost approximately \$72,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies,

etc.

- Election Specialist position to assist with public education. This position is expected to cost approximately \$62,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies, etc.
- Buyer/Procurement Officer position to ensure the front end of the multi-million-dollar purchases for public education, accessibility, ID issuance, and training are completed properly. This position is expected to cost approximately \$94,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies, etc.
- Attorney position to coordinate multiple requests for proposals, contracts, records requests, policies, training, etc. are all properly managed. This position is expected to cost approximately \$104,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies, etc.
- Accountant position to ensure the back end of the multi-million-dollar purchases for public education, accessibility, ID issuance, and training are coordinated and processed properly. This position is expected to cost approximately \$64,000 per year with salaries, benefits, technology costs, supplies, etc.

Travel:

We estimate needing \$64,400 in FY24 and \$44,400 in FY 25 for staff travel expenses related to this legislation. This includes lodging, meal per diems, and personal vehicle mileage for elections staff, ADA compliance staff, and part time temporary employees operating mobile ID units.

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>
Project Manager	1.0	1.0	\$72,100	\$75,705
IT Infrastructure Support Technician	1.0	1.0	\$50,000	\$52,500
ADA Compliance Specialist	2.0	2.0	\$111,000	\$116,550
Procurement Officer (Buyer)	1.0	1.0	\$63,000	\$66,150
Attorney	1.0	1.0	\$70,000	\$73,500
Elections Coordinator	2.0	2.0	\$95,000	\$99,750
Elections Specialist	1.0	1.0	\$40,000	\$42,000
Accountant I	1.0	1.0	\$42,000	\$44,100
Part Time Temporary Employees	73.25	73.25	\$2,418,000	\$2,418,000
Benefits.....			\$217,240	\$228,102
Operating.....			\$1,601,008	\$1,289,438
Travel.....			\$64,400	\$44,400
Capital outlay.....			\$5,792,000	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$10,635,748	\$4,550,195

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB675 eliminates the fee to issue a certified copy of a birth record for a Nebraska resident that does not have a driver's license or state identification card and needs a certified copy of a birth record for a driver's license or state identification card application for voting purposes. Vital Records estimates this Cash Fund loss of revenue to be \$2,250 over a five-year period. The department will absorb this loss of revenue.

The implementation of this bill will require a regulatory change to 174 NAC 3. The administrative costs absorbed by this regulation change are as follows:

Title	Hour(s)	Rate	Absorbed Cost
<i>Director</i>	1	\$75.77	\$76
<i>Deputy Director</i>	1	\$54.55	\$55
<i>Administrator I</i>	1	\$31.44	\$31
<i>Program Specialist</i>	2	\$23.31	\$47
<i>Program Analyst</i>	4	\$22.69	\$91
<i>Attorney III</i>	10	\$34.50	\$345
		Total	\$645

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024 EXPENDITURES	2024-2025 EXPENDITURES
		23-24	24-25		
Benefits.....				\$0	\$0
Operating.....				\$0	\$0
Travel.....				\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay.....				\$0	\$0
Aid.....				\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements.....				\$0	\$0
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0

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FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bart Moore Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 24, 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		(471,250)		(137,750)
CASH FUNDS	474,964	(1,413,750)	221,964	(413,250)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>474,964</u>	<u>(1,885,000)</u>	<u>221,964</u>	<u>(551,000)</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

2020 Census Nebraskans Aged 18 and over – 1,476,000
 Nebraskans Aged 18 and over with a Driver License – 1,336,000
 Nebraskans Aged 18 and over with a State ID -94,000
 Nebraskans Aged 18 and over who can apply for a State ID card – 46,000
 State ID Cards Issued FY 2023-24 = 19,000 Renewal of State ID + 46,000 Do not have State ID = 65,000
 State ID Cards Issued FY 2024-25 = 19,000 Renewal of State ID only
 Numbers rounded to the nearest 1,000

Based on the 2020 Census, and documents currently issued to Nebraskans aged 18 and over (see above), the DMV calculates that the Department will issue 65,000 Identification Cards with no fees collected in FY 2023-24, and 19,000 in FY 2024-25. The allocation of the \$29.00 fees is \$16.75 to the DMV Cash Fund, \$5.00 for Security Surcharges, and \$7.25 to the State General Fund. The total loss of revenue will be \$1,885,000 in FY2023-24 and \$551,000 in FY 2024-25.

The Department currently pays approximately \$5.50 per card issued. The increased cost for the 46,000 cards produced will be \$253,000 in FY 2023-24. The 19,000 renewals each year have already been paid for with existing appropriation so additional appropriation will be necessary.

Based on this information an additional funding source will be necessary to recover this reduction in revenue and increase card production costs.

Additionally, citizens that obtain a State Identification Card will not have the opportunity to donate \$1.00 to the Organ Tissue Donor Awareness Education Fund. There will be a small loss in revenue to this fund within DHHS.

The DMV will incur 12,675 hours of overtime for additional staffing requirements as outlined in the bill for primary and general elections. These costs include state retirement and FICA/OASDI contributions. Calculations are based on an additional 3.50 hours one day per week and 4.00 hours on Saturdays (this would result in 52 instances of overtime) at our 5 day-a-week locations across the state.

These costs are shown in the Personal Services and Benefits below. No additional FTE's will be 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>

Overtime			192,761	192,761
Benefits.....			29,203	29,203
Operating.....			253,000	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			474,964	221,964

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LB⁽¹⁾ 675 - Revised

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Douglas County Election Commission

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Brian W. Kruse Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2-13-2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-444-8683

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>208,800.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>208,800.00</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

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>
Benefits.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Travel.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital outlay.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ David J. Shively Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/20/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 441-7311

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: At this point, this legislation is directed to the Nebraska Secretary of State. It is difficult to determine administrative costs to Lancaster County until the bill has been passed and implemented by the Secretary of State.

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 Association of County Officials (NACO)

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Elaine Menzel Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/23/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.434.5660

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:

LB675 would enact implementing legislation for the photographic voter ID constitutional amendment that was passed by voters in November. In addition, the bill requires postage-paid return envelopes for early voting ballots. In the 2020 gubernatorial election, approximately 488,000 early voting ballots were cast. This number is larger than is typical due to increased mail voting during the pandemic. At that time, the cost to mail a one-ounce letter by first class mail was 55 cents. The rate has since increased to 63 cents. Assuming that first-class postage at the time of the 2020 election was attached to each early voting ballot that was returned and each ballot weighed one ounce or less, the cost would have been \$268,400. It is possible that future costs could be reduced by using a bulk mail permit if delivery times would not be extended. Costs could increase if the weight of the returned ballot exceeds one ounce.

LB675 would require election commissioners or county clerks to provide for “increased election office staffing, training and seating to accommodate long lines and delays on election day and shall provide for increased staffing, training, and seating for each polling place to accommodate long lines and delays on election day.” The cost to counties is unknown but could be locally significant.

LB675 requires election commissioners or county clerks to email or text voters confirming receipt of a request for an early voting ballot and again upon receipt of the completed ballot. Depending upon the number of early voting ballot requests and returned ballots, some counties may incur costs for additional staffing.

Costs to counties to implement the voter ID sections of the bill are unknown.

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>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____